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NEW NORMAL

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New Normal

AIHARA AKITO

SO...

IT IS...

NOT SOME-THING OTHER PEOPLE ...

ARE ALLOWED TO KNOW...?

BEEP BEEP

I TOLD YOU

IT'S CONFI-DENTIAL

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S OVER THE WALL

FIRST, SHOW ME YOUR MOUTH

YOU BORN-MASKERS, YOU ALL THINK OF PEOPLE'S MOUTHS AS BEING THE SAME AS THEIR GENITALS

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MY ERRAND'S OVER

I'M ON MY WAY

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KID

BUT YOU'VE TESTED POSITIVE FOR V-21

IT'S MINI-MAL

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN FOR TREAT-MENT

UM...

IS ERIKA-SAN...

HINATA ERIKA-SAN ALRIGHT?

THE GIRL WITH YOU?

.....

HOW'S THE GIRL WHO WAS WITH HATA HARUTO, HINATA ERIKA?

I SEE ……

IT'S ME

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

LOOKS LIKE

YOU MANAGED TO PROTECT HER

THE RISK OF DEATH IS RELATIVELY LOW

DON'T WORRY

V-21 IS A WEAKER MUTATION OF V-20

SO I'LL BE STUCK IN THIS ROOM FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS ...

APPARENTLY THEY REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL THAT YOU'RE RESTING AT HOME WITH THE FLU

SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANY GOSSIP

COME BACK ALIVE

HARU-KUN, HOW'RE YOU FEEL-ING?

WE ALL TESTED NEGATIVE, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. YOU JUST FOCUS ON YOUR OWN HEALTH

I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

WHEN YOU GET BACK... I'LL LET YOU GO ON ANOTHER DATE WITH ME...

HATA-SENPAI ...

FOR ME, YOU...

AH, SURE

HATA HARUTO-KUN

MAY WE TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR STAY HERE?

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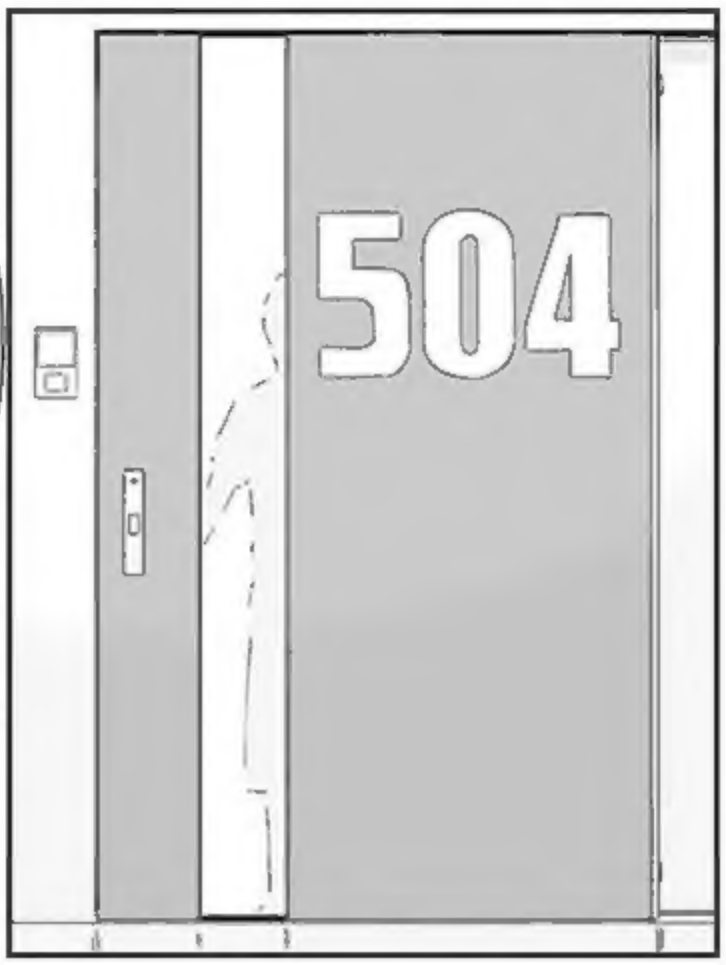
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO STEP FOOT OUTSIDE MY ROOM...
I'M GOING TO BE TOTALLY ALONE HERE...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SAGARA-SAN SAID THAT THE RISK OF DEATH IS RELATIVELY LOW...

BUT JUST WHAT LEVEL IS IT...?

NATSUKI-SAN...

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I...

THAT SCARED ME...

WHOA!

DING DONG

DING DONG

THE DOOR IS OPENING, PLEASE STEP BACK

IT IS HOT, SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL

I HAVE BROUGHT YOUR DINNER

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A NOTE... FOR ME?

A VIDEOCALL ACCOUNT USER-NAME...?

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HEY

THANKS FOR CALLING!

GUESS YOU GOT MY NOTE

I'M SHIINA NAMI

HOW ABOUT WE TWO PATIENTS GET ALONG?

17 THIS YEAR

HATA-KUN, HUH. HOW OLD?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

A HIGH SCHOOLER! SO YOUNG...

AH, HATA HATA HARUTO

I NOTICED YOU EARLIER SO I THOUGHT I'D REACH OUT

I ONLY GOT HERE YESTERDAY. I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANYONE ELSE IN HERE WITH ME

UM...

HAVE YOU SWAPPED ACCOUNTS WITH THE OTHERS HERE, TOO?

NOPE!

I MEAN

DON'T YOU FEEL LONELY?

WOULD YOU RATHER NOT?

AH, NO, IT'S FINE

AND THAT KIND OF THING

I DUNNO, MAKES IT LONELIER?

BUT EV ERYONE'S ALWAYS 'HANG IN THERE', 'TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF'

I MEAN, I KNOW YOU PROBABLY SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

IT MIGHT HELP?

SO I THOUGHT, MAYBE WITH US BEING IN THIS TOGETHER

I KIND OF UNDER-STAND HOW SHE FEELS

THAT SOUNDS GREAT

...YEAH

YEAH?

SO LET S BE FRIENDS

WHAT, AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?

HATA HAS THE FLU

MY FAULT...?

COULD IT BE...

HMM

HOW DID YOU GET INFECTED, SHIINA-SAN?

YEAH

THE COST OF HER-OISM, HUH

SAGARA-SAN WAS THE REAL HERO, THOUGH...

HUH?! SO YOU PROTECTED HER

I CUT LOOSE A BIT TOO MUCH?

I GUESS

THIS IS EVEN BETTER

WAH

THAT'S COOL

WATCH THIS

?

CAN YOU SEE?

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I CAN...!

Y...

YES!

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WAH!

VRRRM

LOOK!

AMAZING, RIGHT?

OH...

SURE. LATER

SORRY

CAN I JUST TAKE THIS CALL!?

NATSUKI-SAN...

AH, YEAH

HATA-KUN...

I HEARD YOU CAUGHT THE FLU...

HELLO?

...

NATSUKI-SAN?

HELLO?

OH, I SEE. THE SCHOOL SAID I HAVE THE FLU

THANK YOU, I'M FINE

EH?

MY FAULT?

IS IT...

I, UH, I FELL ASLEEP IN A DRAFT OR SOME-THING

THAT'S ALL...

NO...

NO, NOT AT ALL

IS IT BECAUSE WE TOOK OUR MASKS OFF ?

HATA-KUN

WHEN YOU'RE BETTER

REALLY?

YEAH SERIOUSLY, DON'T WORRY

I'D LIKE TO TALK

WITH YOU AGAIN...

OK...

LATER

YEAH...

SHE IS, RIGHT?

AHH

I FORGOT TO DIS-CONNECT

WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT...

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

WAH!

I'VE BEEN HERE A WEEK...

I WONDER IF I'LL GET OUT OF HERE WITH NO PROB-LEMS...

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BEEP

BEEP

WAS IN A SERIOUS CONDI-TION

I BET SOME-ONE

HEY

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

HEY

WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?

.....

EH?

WELL, IT'S KIND OF SCARY

PERFECT

LIKE THIS...?

YEAH

CAN YOU FEEL ME?

THERE

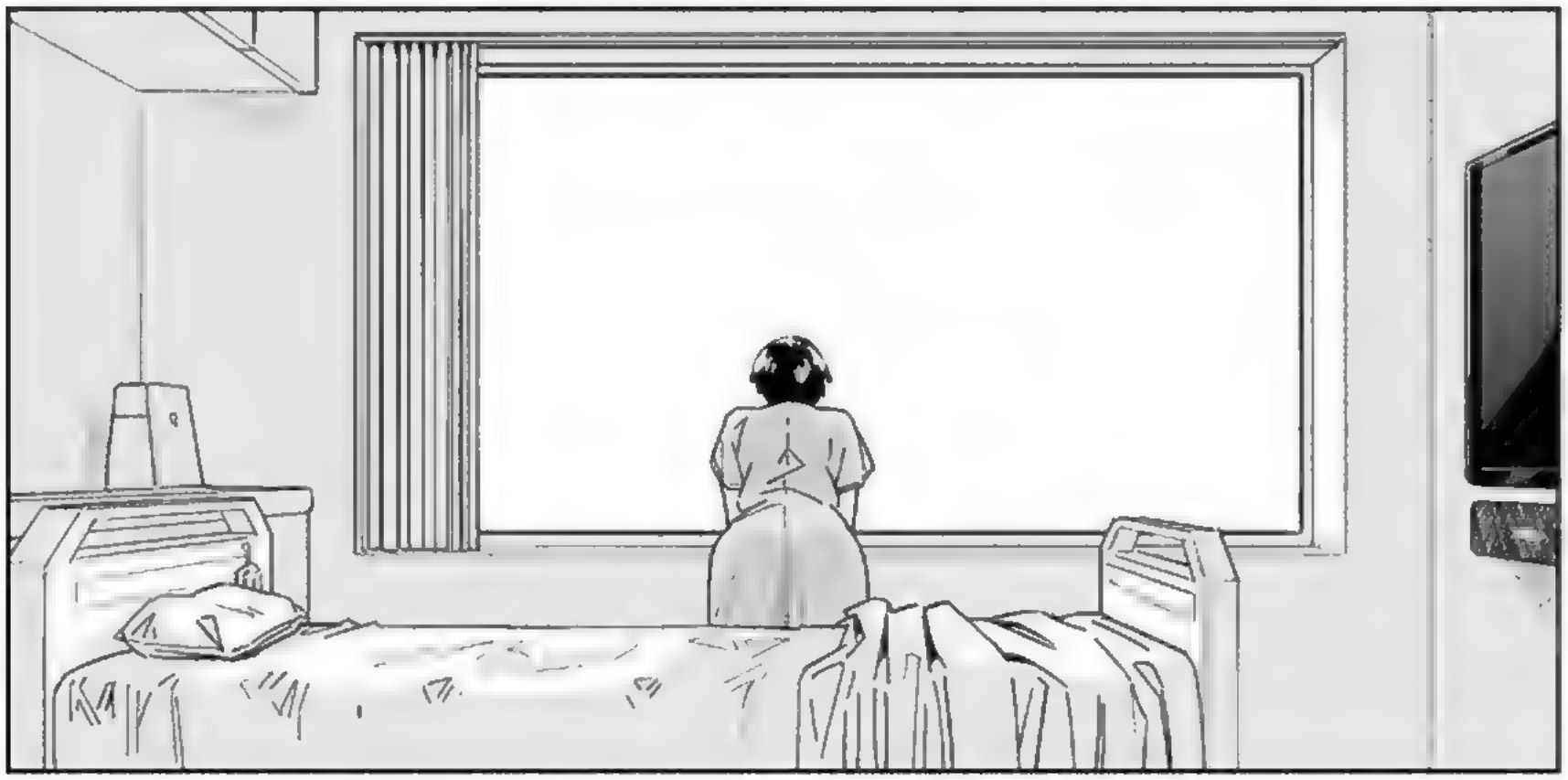
IT'S LIKE WE'RE SHARING A BED, RIGHT?

SHIINA NAMI

IS RIGHT BESIDE YOU

SEE YOU TOMORROW

GOOD NIGHT



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HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CONDITION TODAY?

WELL THEN DO TAKE CARE

IF ANYTHING CHANGES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL FOR US

NAMI...

I'M SORRY

THIS ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE I INVITED YOU...

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEEL BAD ABOUT

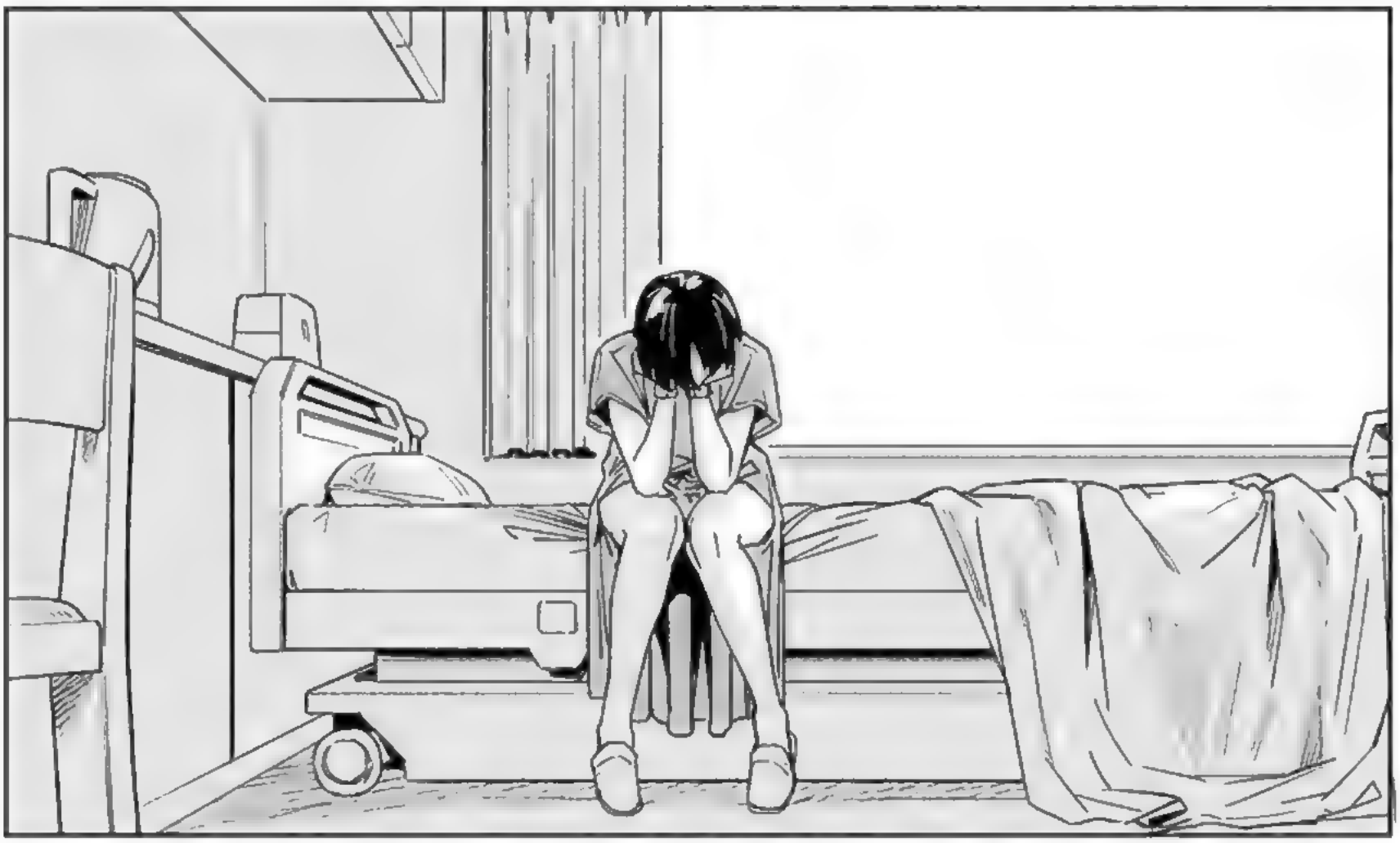
I HAD A LOT OF FUN

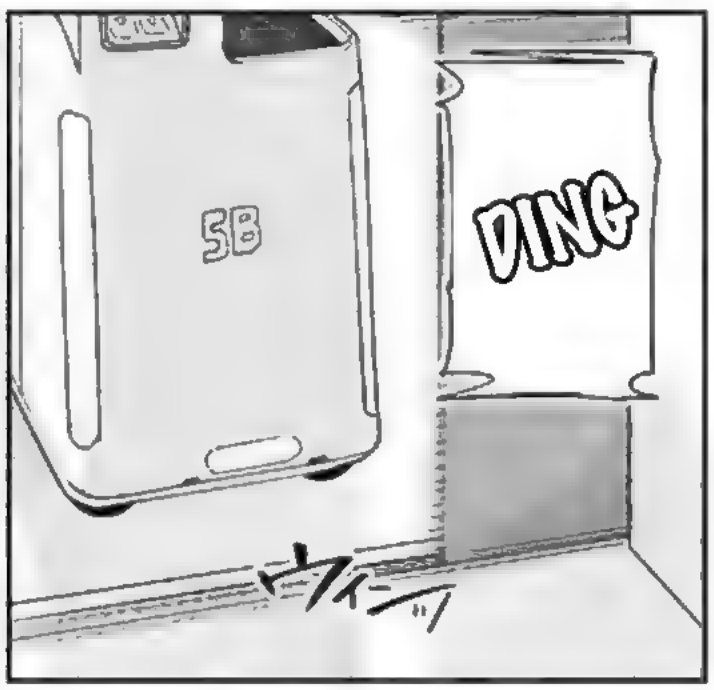
IT WAS JUST BAD LUCK

NAMI...

...I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN LATER, OKAY?

...SURE

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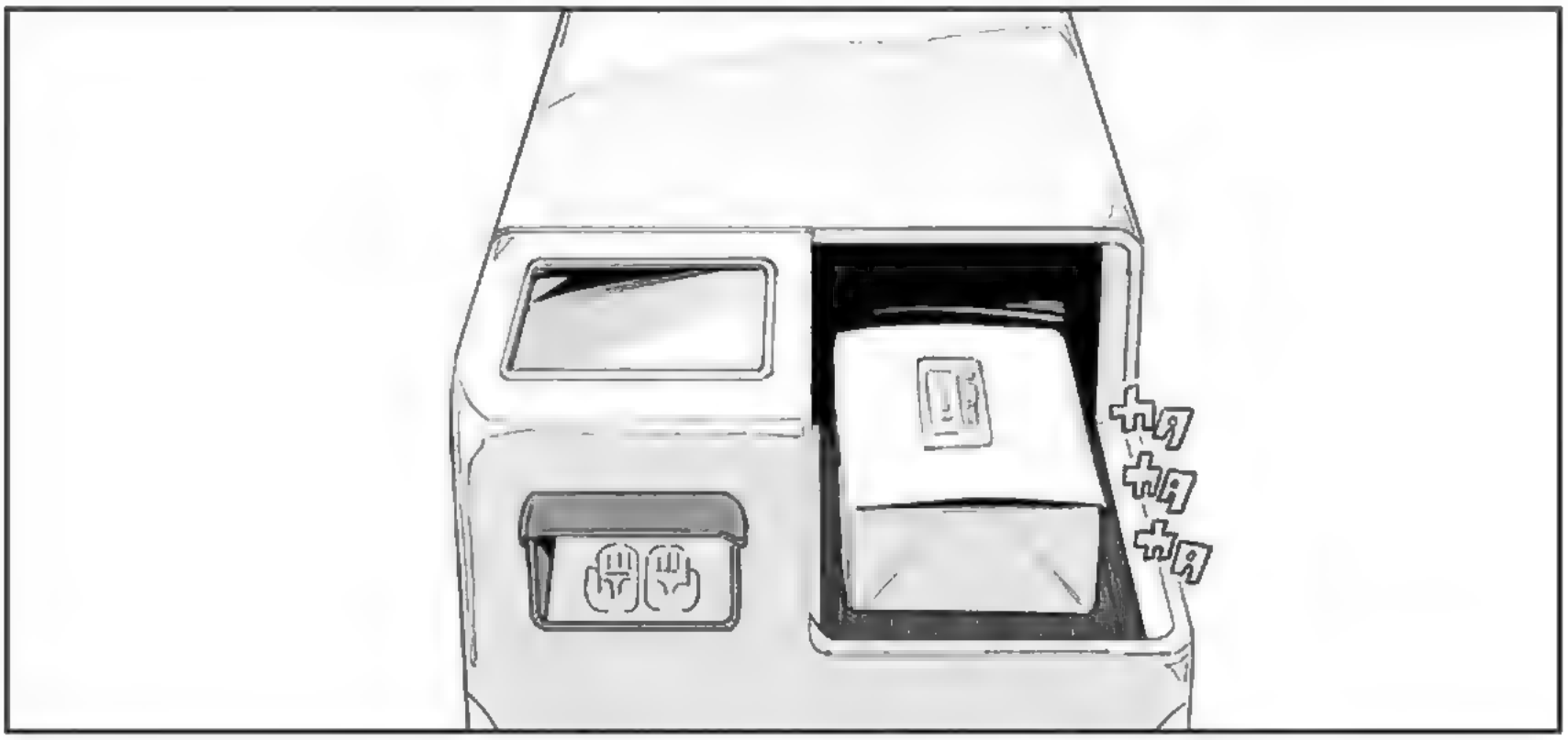

LET'S JUST LEAVE IT ON TODAY

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OKAY

SOMEONE TO COME VISIT ME...

HUH...

I...

...WONDER WHO I'D WANT IT TO BE?

COUGH

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AH...

I DI-

I DIDN'T SEE...

DID YOU SEE?!

I FORGOT THAT I LEFT IT ON!

AAAAAHH

MY MOUTH ...

DID YOU SEE IT?

...I DIDN'T!

LIAR

YOU TOTALLY SAW!

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.....

DOES THAT MEAN YOU FOCUSED ON MY BOOBS INSTEAD?

"THAT", HUH~ THEN...

YOUR MOUTH...

NO, I DIDN'T SEE THAT

SHIINA-SAN?

.....?

AHAHAHAHAHA

AHAHAHAHA

AHAHAHAHA

IF I COULD HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE ME

THEN I'D LIKE IT TO BE YOU

COUGH

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COUGH

THAT'S HIGHER THAN MINE!

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WHAT'S YOUR TEMP, HATA-KUN?

UGH

MY THROAT HURTS

LET'S HANG IN THERE

THEY SAID THAT ONCE OUR FEVERS BREAK, WE'LL BE THROUGH THE WORST OF IT

WHENEVER SOMEONE WAS HOSPITALIZED LIKE THIS, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD COME TO SEE THEM, FACE TO FACE

HEY, DID YOU KNOW? BACK BEFORE WE WERE BOTH BORN

THEY DIDN'T USED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

BUT THEN WOULDN'T THEY GET SICK, TOO?

FACE TO FACE?

VISITING?

'VISITING' IT USED TO BE CALLED

WHAT'S UP?

.....

BACK THEN PEOPLE WERE MUCH CLOSER THAN NOWA-DAYS

SOMEONE YOU WANT TO COME VISIT YOU?

HMM

NOTHING

SOMEONE ELSE SAID THAT TO ME BEFORE, TOO

LET'S LEAVE OUR CALL OPEN FOR THE REST OF THE DAY

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN ATTEND REMOTE CLASSES LIKE THAT ANYWAY, CAN YOU?

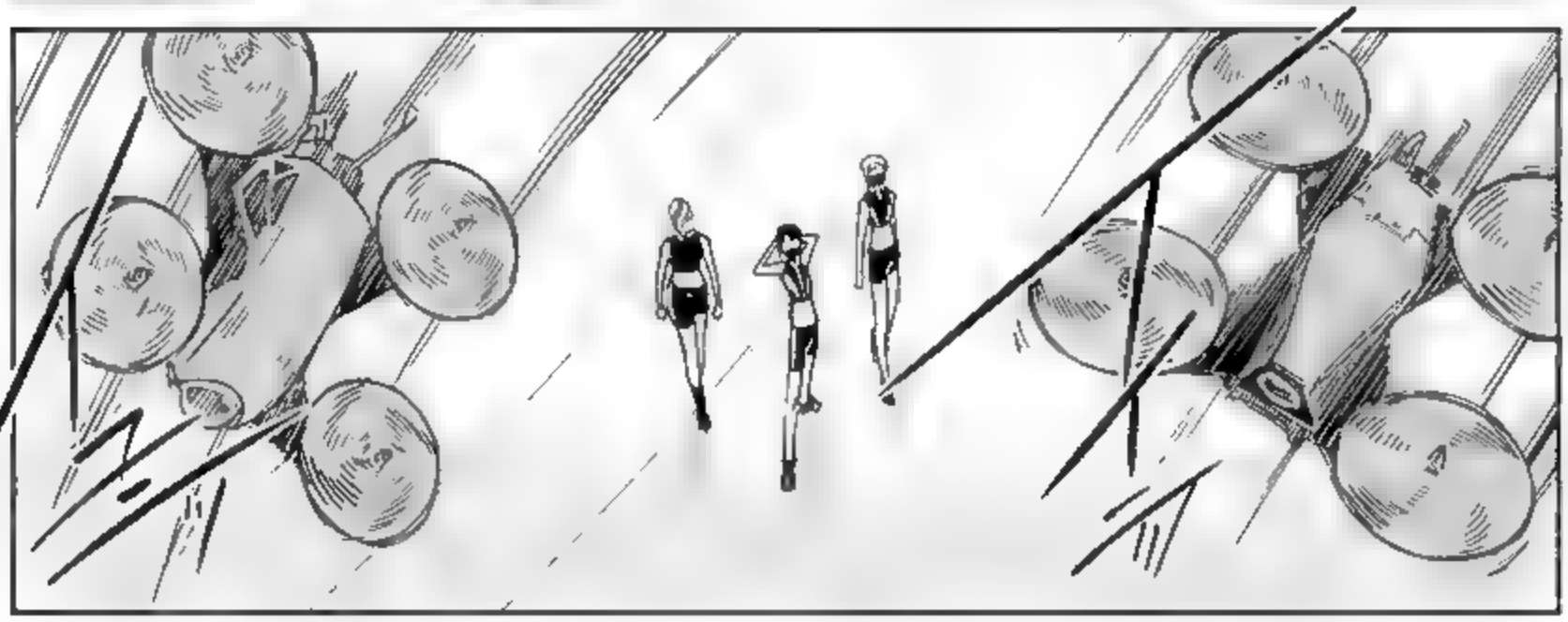
NO...

ALRIGHT, I'LL SKIP, TOO

NO, I SAID SHE'S NOT...

AH!

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND! OF COURSE



WELL... A LITTLE
EH?
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM, HUH?

MAYBE THERE HAVE BEEN COM-PLICA-TIONS?
IT'S BEEN A WEEK AND HATA'S STILL NOT BACK AT SCHOOL

I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

ALSO, WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'HATA OF ALL PEOPLE', EXACTLY?

TO THINK YOU'D GO SETTING YOUR EYES ON A BOY BEHIND MY BACK... AND ON HATA OF ALL PEOPLE

WE'RE FINISHING UP!

STOP GOSSIPING, YOU TWO!

.....

THAT 'MAIDEN' FACE?

UWAH... WHAT'S WITH

I WONDER IF HATA-SENPAI'S ALRIGHT?

HE'LL BE HOME SOON. DON'T WORRY...

THE RISKS AT HIS AGE ARE MUCH LOWER

WHEN I CALLED YESTER-DAY, HE SAID HIS FEVER HAD GONE UP...

HE SAID HE WAS OK, BUT...

DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT HERE. WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF SOMEONE OVERHEARS

BUT...

THAT EPA GUYS SAID THERE ISN'T A TREATMENT

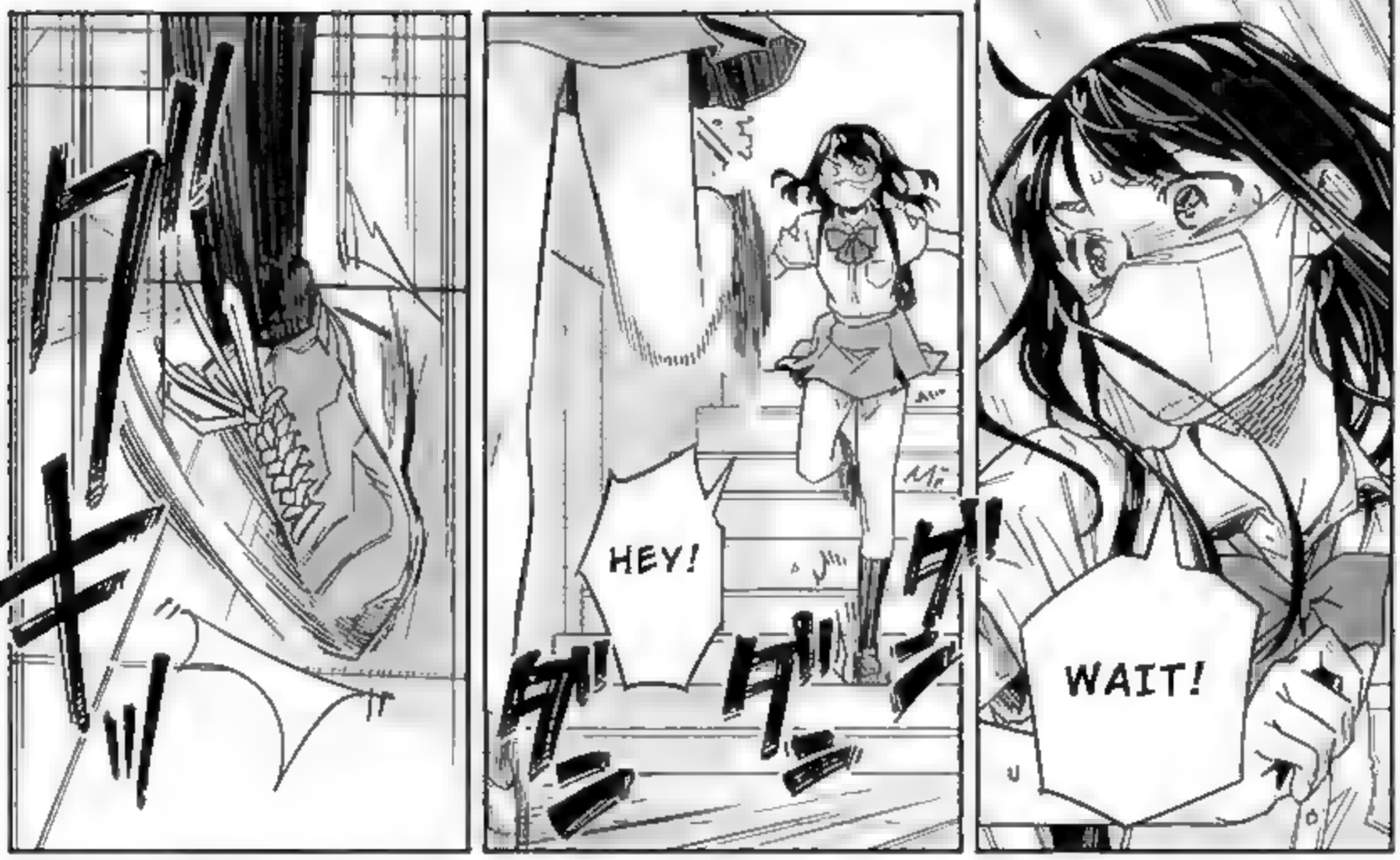
FOR THE V-21 VIRUS...

WHAT IF HE NEVER ...?

TRACK CLUB'S ...
AH...

HAS HATA-KUN CAUGHT SOME-THING?
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

EH?
I'M SORRY!


HEY!
WAIT!

ARE YOU OK!?
NATSUKI !?

NGH
UGH

SHE FELL OVER!

I FEEL BAD, BUT LET'S LEAVE HER TO HER FRIEND

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HEY...

WAIT...

WAIT!

THERE'S STILL PLACES LIKE THIS, EVEN IN JAPAN

FARM FIELDS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

JUST LOOK AT THIS VIEW

THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL CARRY ON...

EVEN IF I'M GONE TOMOR-ROW

LOOK, A ROBOT!

A FARMING ROBOT!

ARE THE LATEST AI ADVANCE-MENTS REALLY AT WORK HERE?

WATCHING TV LIKE THIS

MAKES IT FEEL LIKE THE WORLD'S STILL SPINNING ALONG

I THINK THE ANXIETY WOULD PROBABLY CRUSH ME

IF... SHIINA-SAN WAS NOT HERE

A DANCER

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HATA-KUN

I'M...

I DANCE FOR WORK, TOO

I'LL SHOW YOU A VIDEO LATER

WOW...

YOU LOOK AMAZ-ING

SHIINA-SAN...?

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SHIINA-SAN?
SHIINA-SAN!

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CAN YOU ANSWER ME?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

SHIINA-SAN?

CALL ENDED

Bye

Bye

WHAT'S HAPPENING!?

IS SHIINA-SAN ALRIGHT?

I'M SORRY, I'M HANGING UP THE CALL

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SHIINA-SAN...?

I TRIED RIPPING YOUR MASK OFF LAST TIME, REMEMBER? DON'T YOU LEARN?

I'M NOT STUPID. I KNOW YOU DID IT JUST TO GET RID OF ME...

SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

THE ONLY PEOPLE I'VE EVER HEARD SAY 'I'M NOT AN IDIOT' HAVE BEEN IDIOTS

SINCE YOU KNOW THAT, GO HOME

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WAH!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE MIGHT BE BEING HELD?

MY JOB IS TO CATCH THEM AND HAND THEM OVER. AFTER THAT, IT'S OUT OF MY HANDS...

A FRIEND OF MINE

HAS CAUGHT THE V-21 VIRUS

HE'S BEEN TAKEN INTO QUARAN-TINE

HATA ...

THAT KID...

BUT SO WHAT IF YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS? THEY WON'T LET YOU INSIDE

YOU KNOW HIM?

PLEASE, ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?

HATA-KUN IS...

HE'S IMPORT-ANT TO ME

I JUST...

I WANT TO BE NEAR HIM

I DON'T KNOW...

NATSUK

HATA-KUN, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

HELLO ?!?!

YOU'RE IN ROOM 504, RIGHT?

EH?

HOW DID YOU ?

EH ?

CAN YOU LOOK OUT THE WINDOW?

BIT FE-VERISH

I HAVE COME TO SEE YOU

I'VE COME VISITING

UNDER THE STREET-LIGHT

OVER HERE

I ASKED ONE OF THE EPA GUYS I KNOW

.....

TALK ABOUT OLD-SCHOOL

'VISITING'

... THERE!

HATA-KUUUUUUN!
FEEL BETTER SOON!

YEAH

JUST A BIT, THROUGH THE WINDOW...

HOW WAS THAT? COULD YOU HEAR ME?

PFFT

YEAH

TO ME, TOO

THANK YOU

WE'RE STILL FAR APART, BUT... IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE RIGHT NEXT TO ME

I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL!

I FEEL A LOT BETTER

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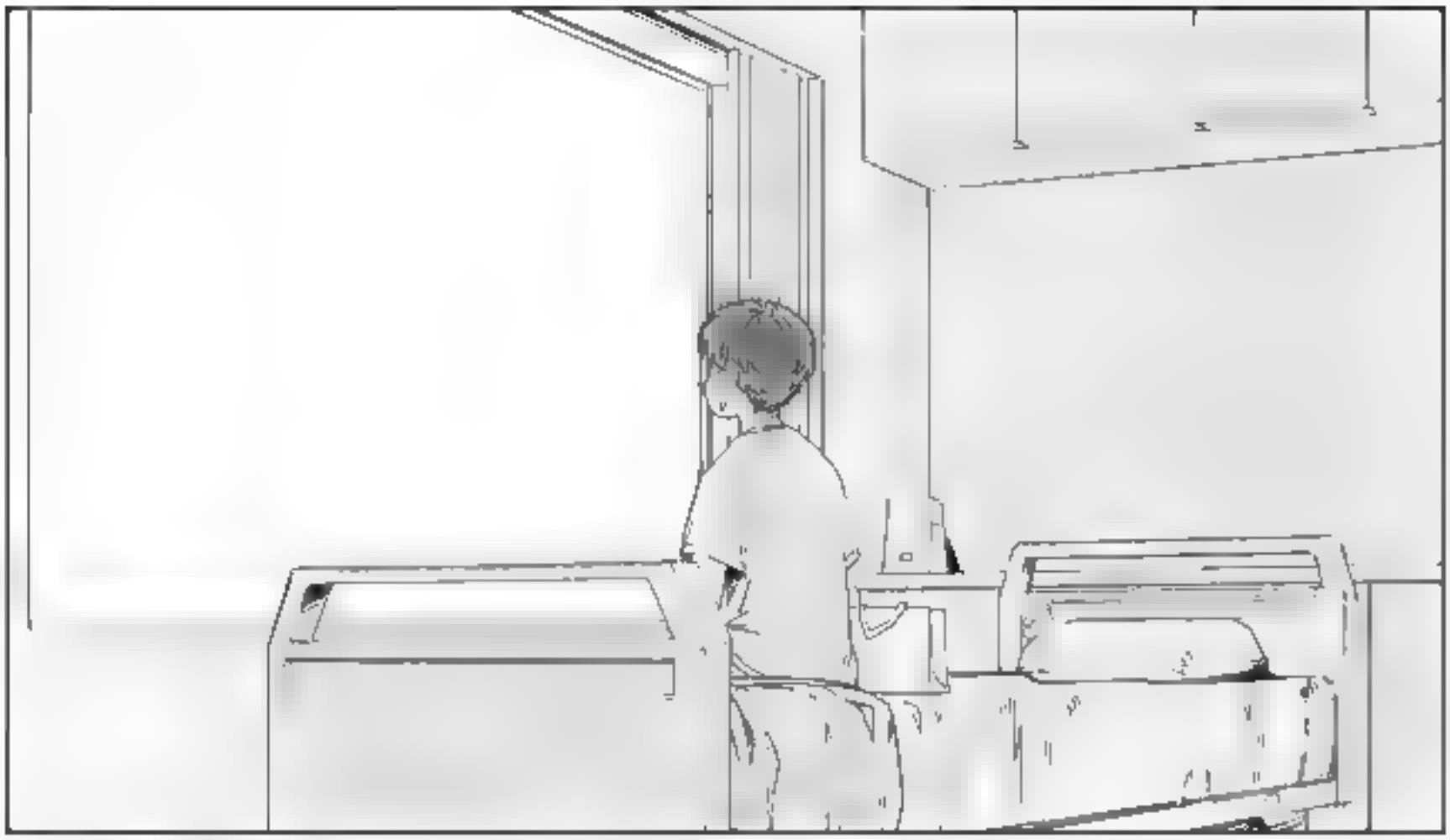
NaMi IS CALLING YOU



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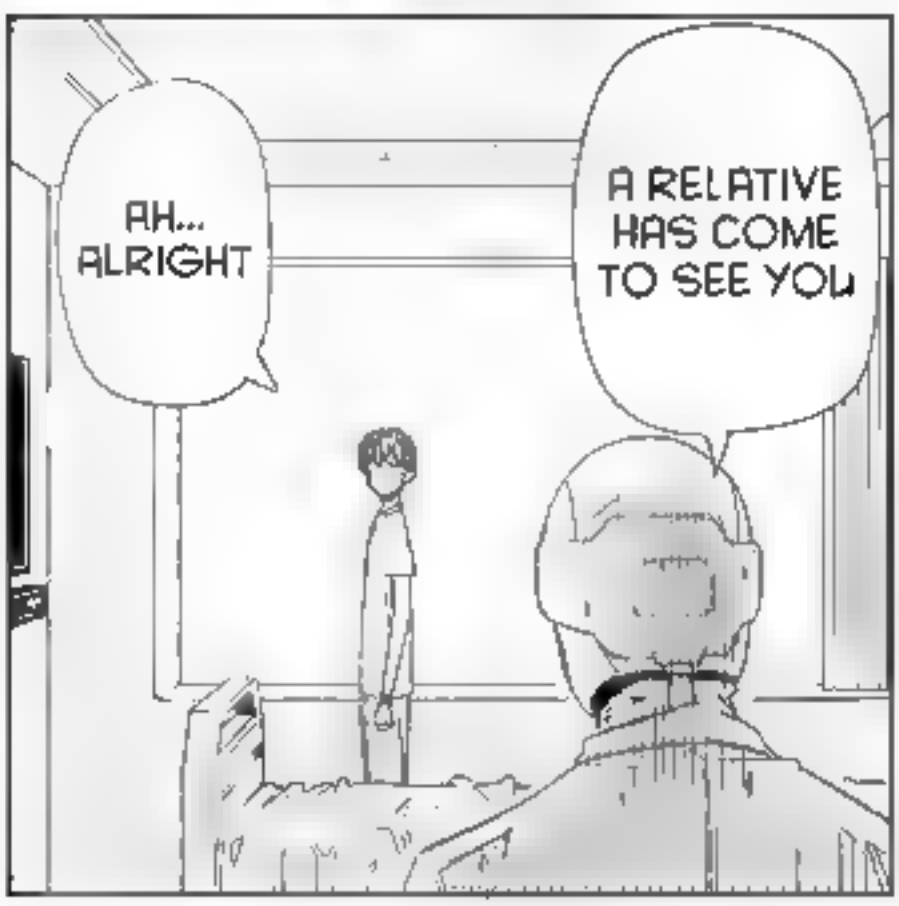
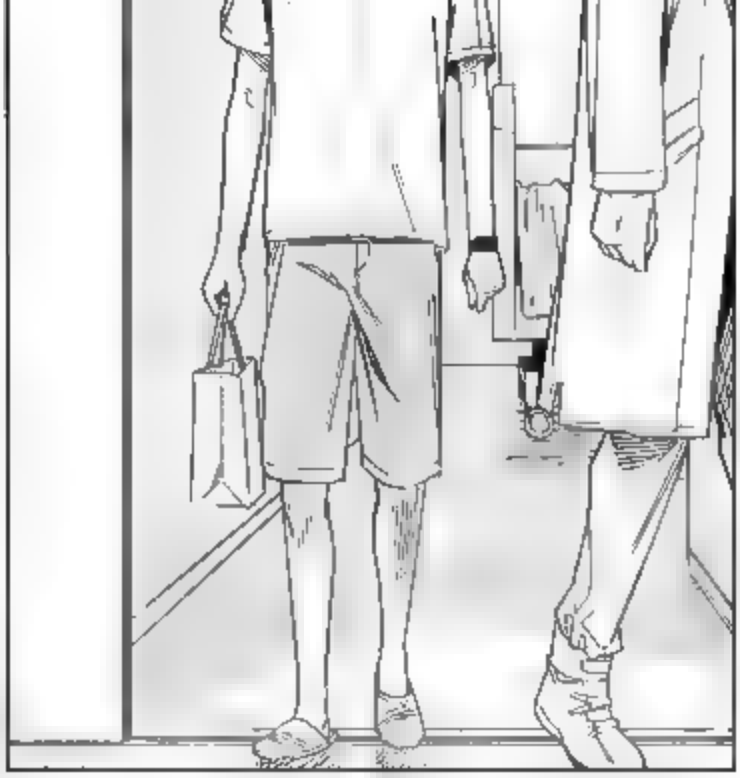
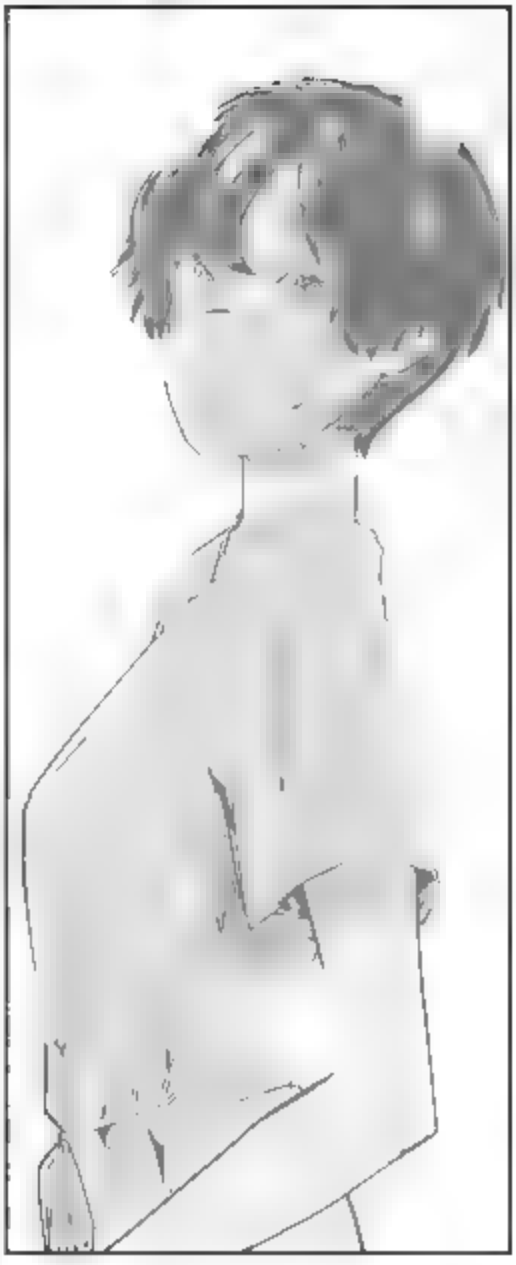

AH... ALRIGHT
A RELATIVE HAS COME TO SEE YOU





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FSSSSHHHH

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HEY

YOU WERE AWAKE?

THANK GOOD-NESS...

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALRIGHT ...

SHIINA-SAN...

I WAS RESTING IN BED TOO, SINCE MY FEVER SUDDENLY WENT UP

AH

LISTEN TO THIS

I GAVE YOU QUITE A SHOCK, HUH

LOOKS LIKE I PUSHED MYSELF A BIT TOO MUCH

WHAT ABOUT YOU, HATA-KUN?

SHE FINALLY CAME

TO VISIT ME

EH?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OUTSIDE THE WINDOW...

FROM THE ROAD ACROSS THE STREET...

YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

UMM...

BUT IT WAS DEFINITELY HER

WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT...

HMM...

THROUGH THE WINDOW, HUH...

HOW WONDERFUL

HOW WAS SHE?

SHE WAS HAPPY...

...

EVEN THOUGH WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER ANYTIME THROUGH VIDEO CALLS...

OR TALK TO EACH OTHER THROUGH VOICE CALLS...

AS SOON AS I SAW HER OUT-SIDE...

IT FELT LIKE...

SHE WAS ACTUALLY THERE RIGHT BESIDE ME

REALLY FAR...

BUT ALSO REALLY CLOSE ...

IF SHE WAS IN FRONT OF MY EYES RIGHT NOW...

I'D...

WANT TO TOUCH HER?

AND BE TOUCHED BY HER

I WANT TO TOUCH HER...

I'M SURE SHE'S THINKING THE SAME THING, TOO

ARE ALREADY CONNECTED WITH ONE ANOTHER, HUH

WHICH MEANS BOTH OF YOUR HEARTS

I WISH I COULD GO AND VISIT SOMEONE TOO...

MUST BE NICE...

I WANT TO COME OVER TO YOU RIGHT AWAY

AND GIVE YOU A BIG HUG

I'D TELL YOU THAT EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT,

THAT I'M HERE FOR YOU...

JUST KIDDING! IF I ACTUALLY SAID THAT, YOUR GIRL-FRIEND WOULD PROBABLY CHEW ME OUT

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HER MOUTH

HAVE YOU ALREADY SEEN IT?

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HEY

NO, NOT REALLY...

HATA-KUN, ARE YOU ACTUALLY REALLY POPULAR?

SO YOU HAVE SEEN IT~

AAH

EEH !?

THAT'S ...UM...

YOU ...

THINK SO...?

I FEEL AT PEACE WHEN I TALK WITH YOU,

AND YOU'RE REALLY ACCEPTING

BUT I GET IT

I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT MY MOUTH

WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT?

WITH THAT SAID, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU, HATA-KUN...

WHAT IS IT?

EH ...!?

AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD WHO WILL REMEMBER MY REAL FACE EXCEPT FOR MY BLOOD RELATIVES...

I DIE...

I MEAN, WHAT IF...

TUG...

I CAN'T ASK THIS FROM ANYONE ELSE BUT YOU, HATA-KUN...

PLEASE

SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT ...

...PLEASE DON'T...

REALLY SAD...

THAT WOULD BE...

YOU JUST HAVE TO RECALL IT EVERY NOW AND THEN

THAT THERE WAS ONCE A GIRL WITH A FACE LIKE THIS...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER IT ALL THE TIME

THAT SHIINA NAMI

WAS CERT-AINLY HERE

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COUGH
COUGH
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SHI-
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SAN!

HAAH

SPEAK-
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WHICH,

REGARDING
THE DANCE
VIDEO I TOLD
YOU ABOUT...

I'LL SHOW
IT TO YOU
NEXT TIME,

SO YOU
BETTER
LOOK FOR-
WARD TO IT

WHO KNOWS

WILL HATA-KUN...

REALLY BE OKAY...?

KOOOOM

I'M GLAD

I SEE...

BUT, HE'S INFECTED WITH JAGD, V-21

I'M ONLY SPEAKING STATIS-TICALLY, THOUGH

IF YOU ASK ME WHO'S GO NG TO .IVE AND WHO'S GO NG TO D E, THEN...

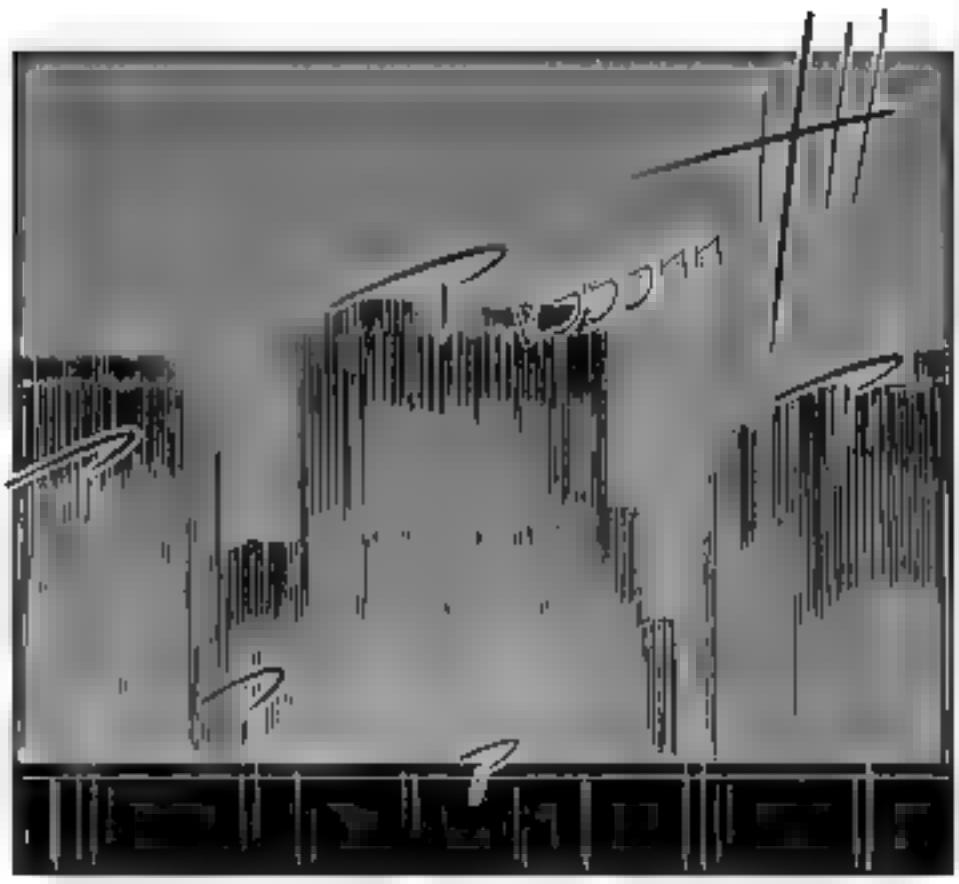
"ONLY GOD KNOWS" WOULD BE THE ANSWER

!?

!?..

IT'S A WEAKENED VERSION OF THE V RUS

ALSO, IF THE AMOUNT DETECTED IS REALLY SMALL, IT WOULDN'T GET WORSE THAN SOME MILD RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS AND A HIGH FEVER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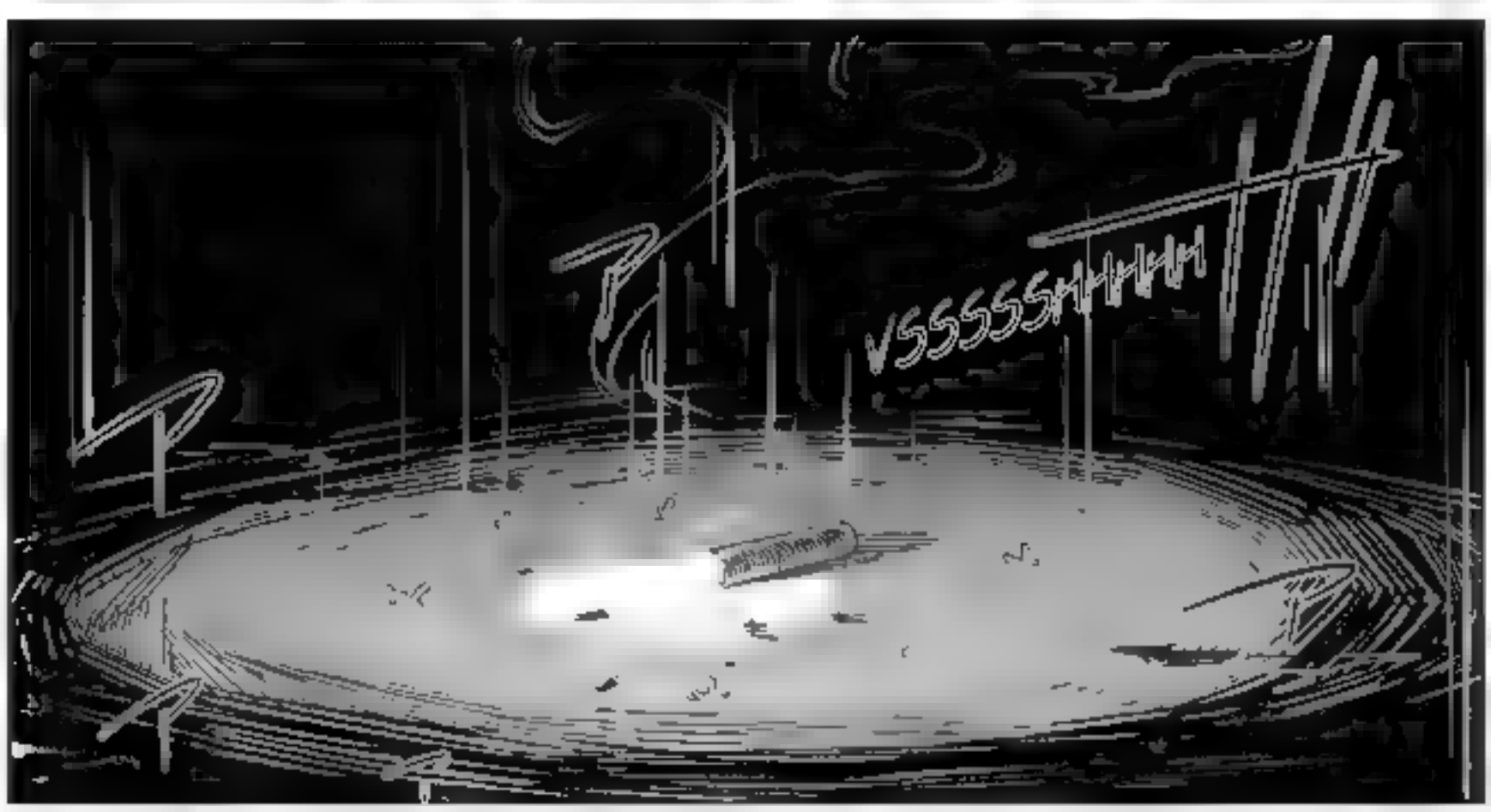
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SPLASH...

AH...

I'M SORRY

HATA-SAN

UM...

WHAT HAPPEN-ED...

TO SHIINA-SAN, THE PERSON IN ROOM 510?

BUT, SHE'S AN ACQUAINT-ANCE OF MINE...

I CAN'T JUST GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION LIKE THAT

AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH HER RECENTLY ...

.....

I'M RELIEVED, THOUGH

VROOOM

...YEAH

I HEARD IT DOESN'T GET SERIOUS IF YOU'RE YOUNG,

BUT I WAS STILL WORRIED, YOU KNOW?

IF SHE HASN'T RES-PONDED EVEN ONCE AFTER THAT...

IT'S BEEN 1 WEEK SINCE SHIINA-SAN AND I TALKED ON VIDEO CHAT...

EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT REALLY SAD...

THE ONLY TIME I SAW SHIINA-SAN DIRECTLY WAS WHEN THE DOOR OPENED FOR A BRIEF MOMENT...

AFTER THAT, I ONLY SAW HER THROUGH A SCREEN...

...EVEN IF I ALREADY KNOW,

I WONDER WHY I'M NOT SHEDDING A SINGLE TEAR

DID SHIINA-SAN...

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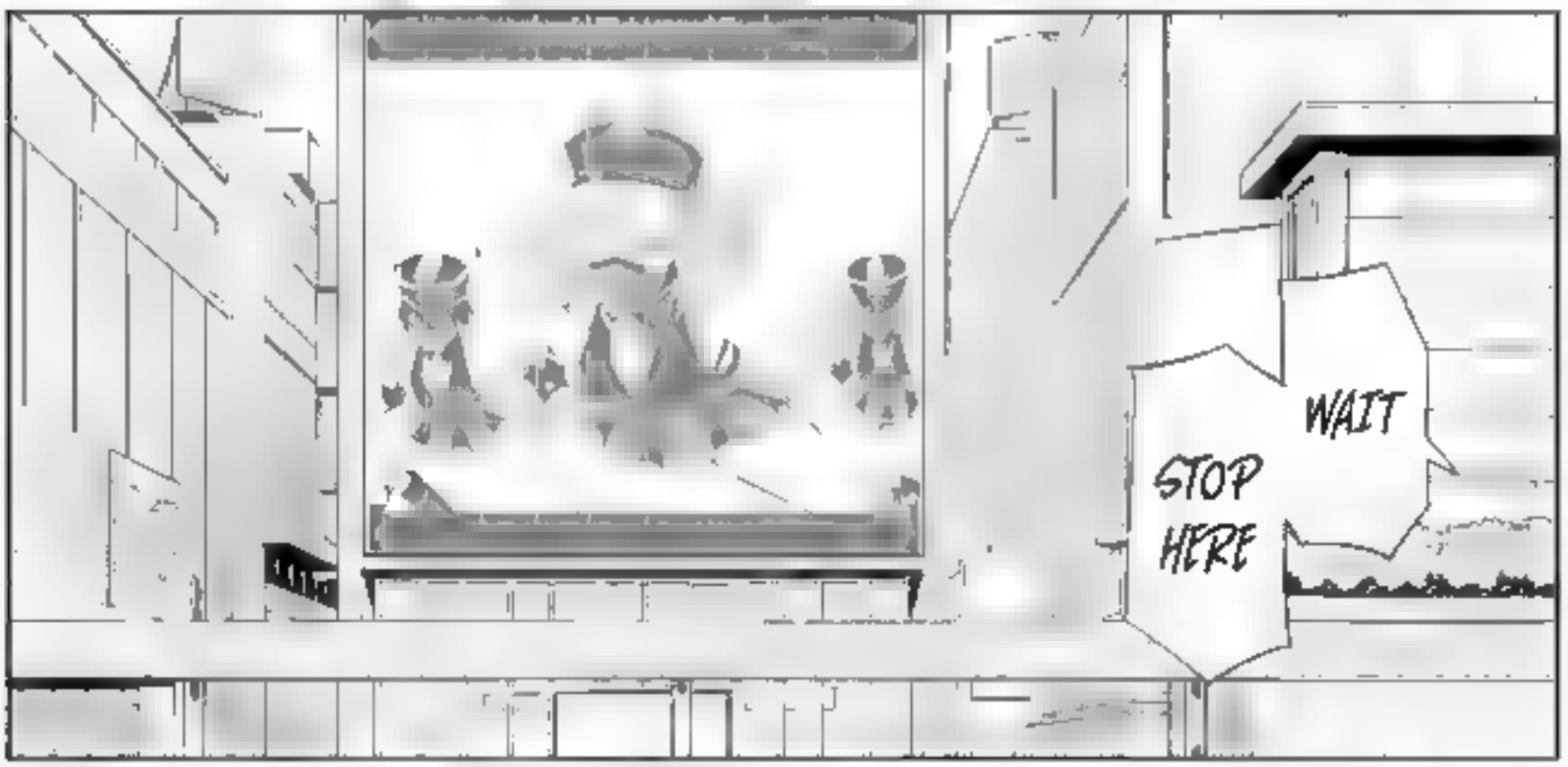
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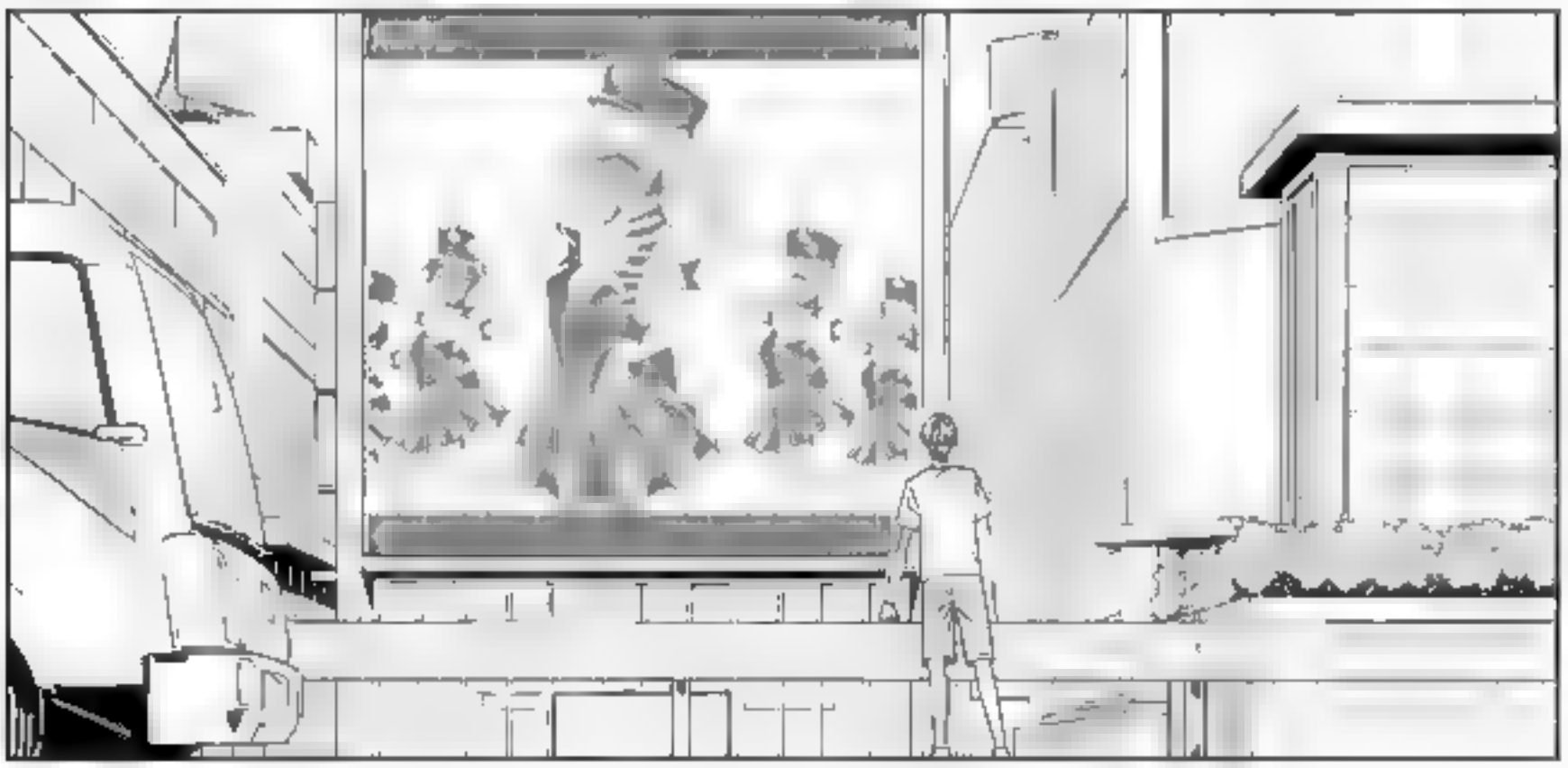

I'M SURE OF IT

HARU-KUN?

THIS DANCE...

-THAT'S RIGHT...

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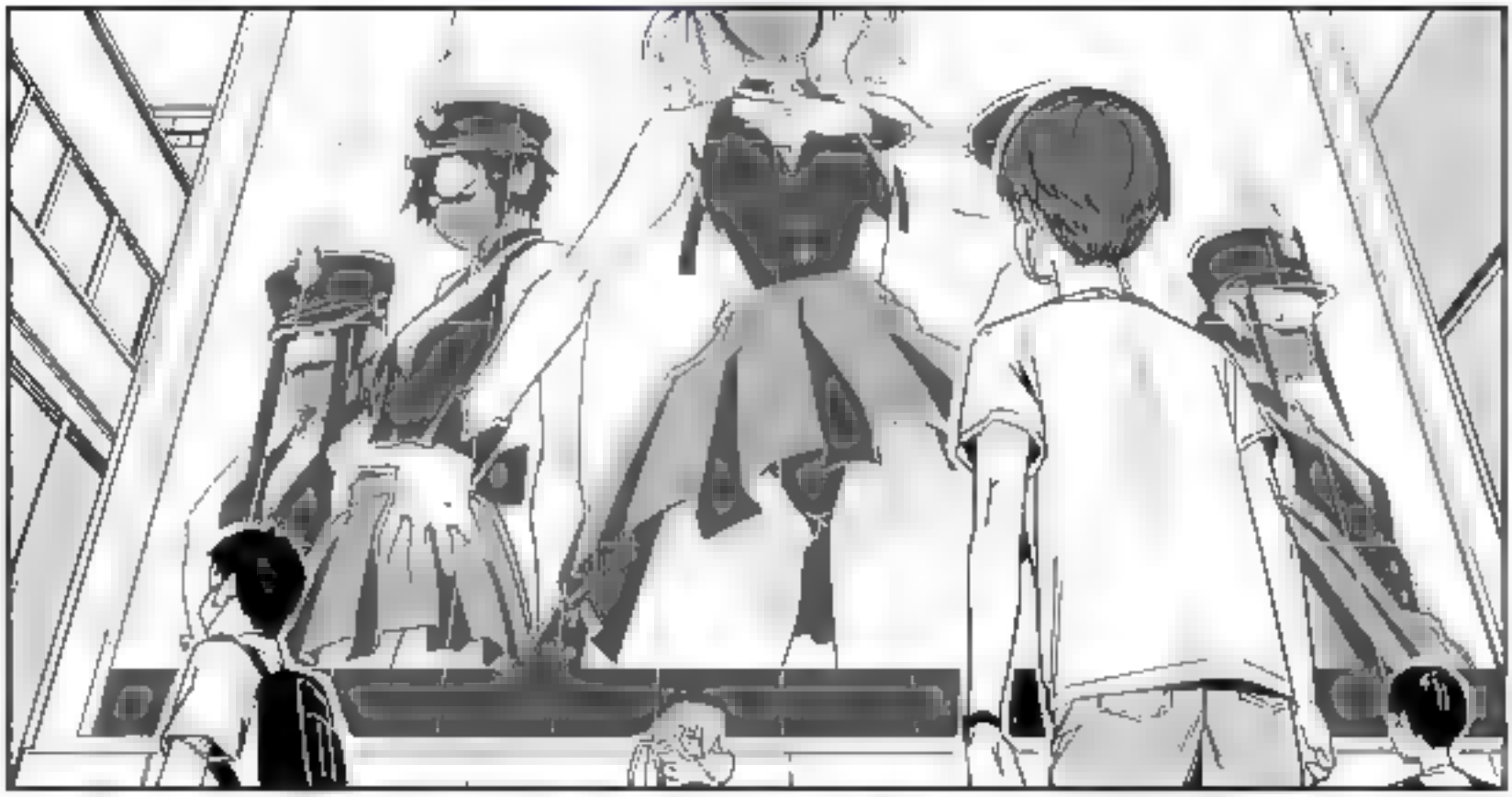


OR MEET HER ANY-MORE..
...I
...CAN'T TALK TO HER

I WON'T FORGET

SHIINA NAMI

WAS CERT-AINLY THERE WITH ME

TOKYO

Five existing infected and one new variant of the JAGD, V-21 confirmed within the wildlife in Tokyo

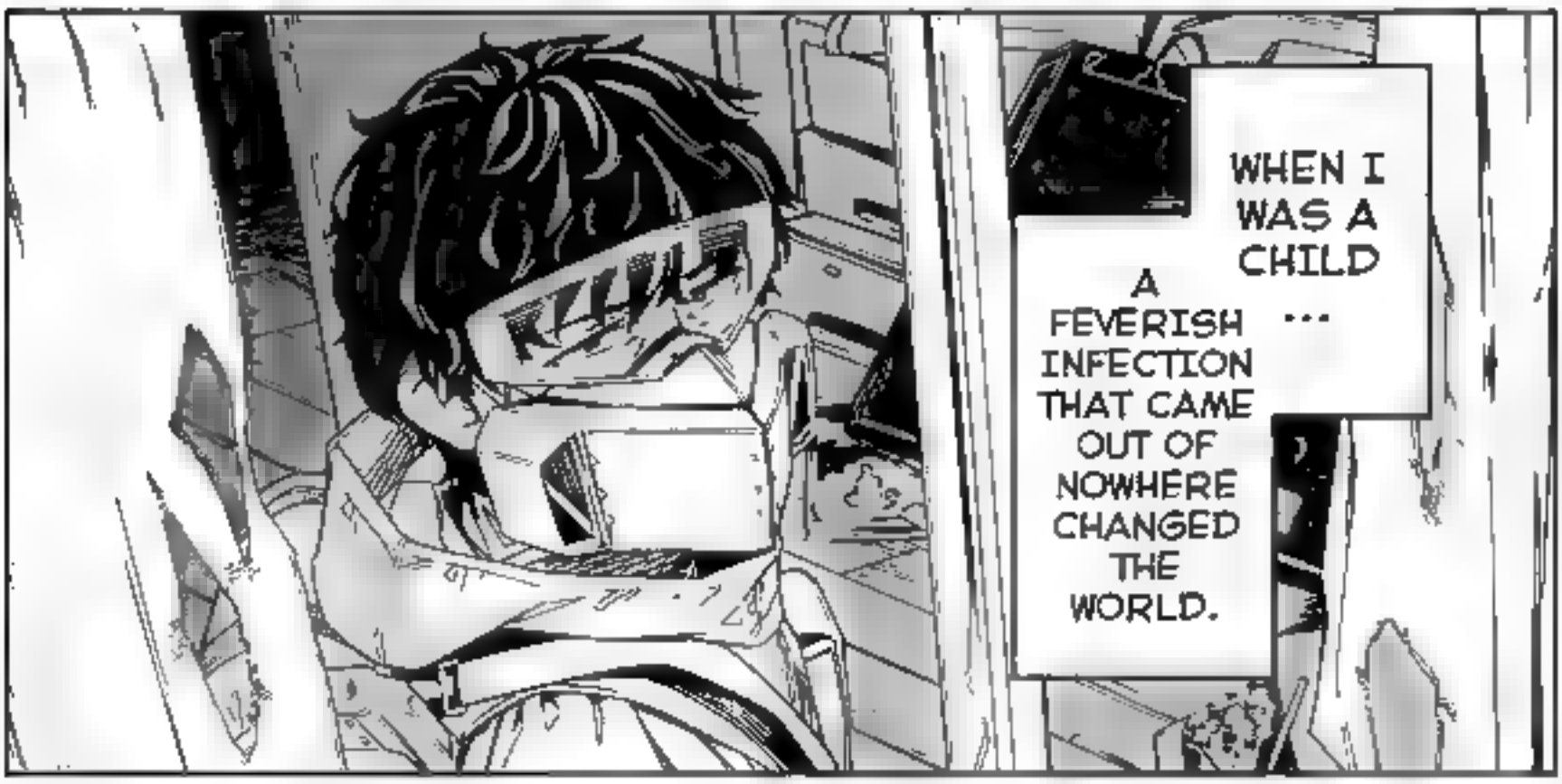
We will continue with the investigation.

SQUAD SIX IS NOW MOBILIZING TO THE DESIGNATED POINT.

CAPTAIN SAGARA.

Copy that.

I'm on my way.


WHEN I WAS A CHILD ...
A FEVERISH INFECTION THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE CHANGED THE WORLD.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS KIND OF FUTURE IS OUR REALITY.

LIVING IN THE GLORY.

IN THE YEAR 2020, HUMANITY WAS STILL...

THE GOLD MEDAL RUSH CONTINUES FOR JAPAN.

JAPAN WON ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL!

WE DID IT!

?

That makes it eight gold medals now?

Really~ That's amaz-ing!

ANOTHER GOLD!

THIS IS GREAT, BRO!

Breaking News

New infectious disease has been discovered

OVER 800 NEW CASES NATIONWIDE

If you get infected, you're in big trouble.

It's like a super-powered version of the flu.

Hey

Oh, I heard there's a new disease going around lately.

Bro, what does this mean?

I'm just kidding.

But yeah.

Seri-ously.

SERI-OUSLY ?!

You become a zombie.

THAT'S REALLY BAD ISN'T IT?!

What happens if you get in-fected ...?

This could be the reason for the end of the human race

...Okay

If you don't want that to happen, make sure you wash your hands and brush your teeth, okay?

Shoma

EXPERTS SAY THE FACT THAT THE OLYMPIC GAMES STILL CONTINUED WITHOUT ANY POST-PONEMENT REGARDLESS OF THE EARLY WARNINGS HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE WORLDWIDE.

THE NEW VIRUS, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO EXIST IN JAPAN SINCE AROUND FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, HAS NOW SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE WORLD AND IS CAUSING MANY DEATHS.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS ALSO OFFICIALLY NAMED THIS VIRUS THE "JAGD VIRUS"

Ehh~!

You're going to school with a mask on?

It's stuffy.

...Yes.

You'll be late for your first day of school.

Come on, get out of here.

Gehn!

The school told me to do it.

It's no use, right?

Sasa-kawa-kun

Every-one's really wearing masks.

Just what's going on with the world...

Sasa-kawa-kuuuu-nnn...

WHA-

FUKADA

You scared me!

G'morning

It's cute, isn't it?

What's with the mask?

Well, I couldn't really afford a mask.

So I made one myself during summer vacation.

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?

So...

.....

Yeah.

I made one for Sasa-kawa-kun, too.

It's even got your name in romaji.

Can you read romaji?

Here

SASAKAWA

You don't have to wear it.

Fuu~

You're so mean!

I can't wear something this ugly!

I-

Good morn-ing~!

Fukada-san, good morning.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME... YOU GUYS

IT'S THE JAGD VIRUS RUN!

THAT WASN'T A COUGH! I WAS JUST CLEARING MY THROAT!

YOU HAVE THE JAGD, DON'T YOU?

YOU JUST COUGHED

UWAA

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You can't be playing around like that!

Break it up and get ready for class.

HEY, YOU THREE!

JAGD PARRY

PUNCH

JAGD PUNCH~

PUNCH

ギャハ~!

Hmm~

I'm very sorry to tell you all this.

えええええ…!

School has been cancelled starting next month.

IS THIS FOR REAL?

Sigh—

Haaa~

AS OF OCTOBER 2020, THE DEATH TOLL HAS SURPASSED 100 MILLION WORLDWIDE.

IN ASIA, THE VIRUS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY CONTAINED. BUT IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS.

I guess I'm glad we get to have a long winter break, but...

I'm...

I won't be able to see you guys for a while.

School will be cancelled starting tomorrow.

.....

Ugh...

My parents won't be taking me anywhere to play.

It's really boring not seeing anyone.

ベーカリー ハヤテ

I used to love this bakery.

Now it's gone again.

DUE TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF THE DEADLY VIRUS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN TO AN INDEFINITE TIME. WE'RE SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

My favorite things are disappear-ing from this world

I wonder if I'm going to disappear too?

Because of the JAGD virus

You know,

My grand-parents all died.

Of course ...

I won't!

Sasa-kawa-kun...

You're not going to disappear, are you?

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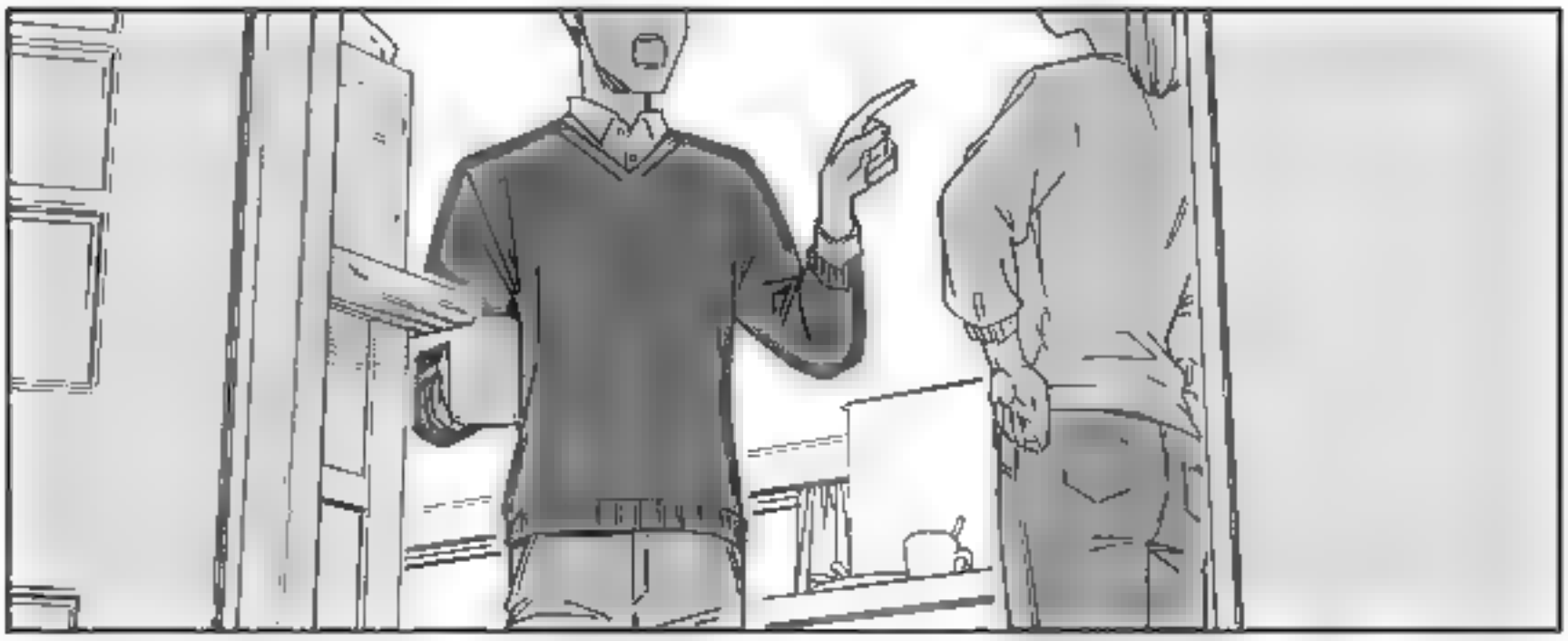
Good.

I hope the world returns to normal soon.



Hm~
Just leave it alone.
Our parents are fighting again
They say it's because people are working from home and spending more and more time seeing each other.
I hear that's becoming more and more common these days.
...Seri-ously.

I wonder why they even got married in the first place.

Those two.

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH HOSPITAL ROOMS AVAILABLE, SO EVEN IF A PATIENT BECOMES SERIOUSLY ILL, THERE ARE NO HOSPITALS CAPABLE OF TAKING THEM IN. WITH NOT MUCH OPTIONS LEFT, THEY EVENTUALLY DIE.

TOKYO IS ON THE VERGE OF A MEDICAL MELTDOWN.

Bro.

Will the human race die out?

CIVILIZATION MAY BE DYING OUT, BUT WE'LL LIVE ON!

WON'T HAPPEN!

しわ!!

Human-ity...

dying out...

That...

That's why I'm going to watch and study survival videos while I can.

Y-yeah

That's the way it is.

When civilization dies, what's left is a world where only the strong survives!

IN THE YEAR 2021, A MUTANT STRAIN HAS EMERGED

AND IS CAUSING AN OUTBREAK OF INFECTIONS CENTERED IN TOKYO.

THE DEATH TOLL IN A SINGLE DAY HAS RISEN TO LEVELS THAT...

WE HAVE NO WAY OF ACCURATELY KNOWING WHAT IT IS.

THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES ARE ALSO SHORT ON MAN-POWER, AND OPERATIONS IN EACH REGION ARE AT A STANDSTILL.

FOOD SUPPLIES ARE ALSO DECLINING

LIFELINE CENTERS HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN ACROSS THE KANTO REGION, WITH MASSIVE POWER OUTAGES AND WATER SHORTAGES.

On a trip?

Are we going...

Have you checked your temperature yet?

You haven't been coughing lately, have you?

Did you guys get everything you need?

A friend of mine recommended a nice place to stay at for a while.

...Yeah, that's right.

It's gonna be a long drive.

Do we have enough gas?

The highway is probably blocked, so we'll take the lower road.

It's rationed by the SDF.

I think so.

Fukada ...?

Mom.

Will I ever see my friends again?

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...Yeah.

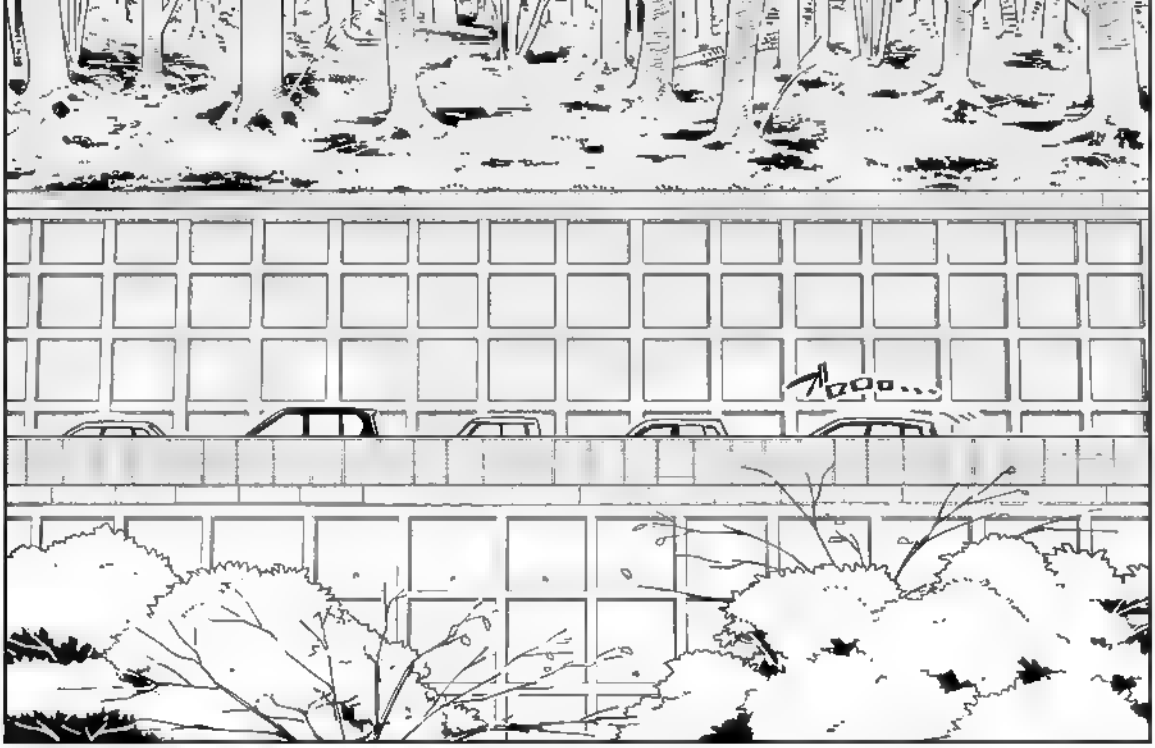
Hey, wait a sec-ond

No way ...

An acci-dent?

Hm...?

It's blocked ...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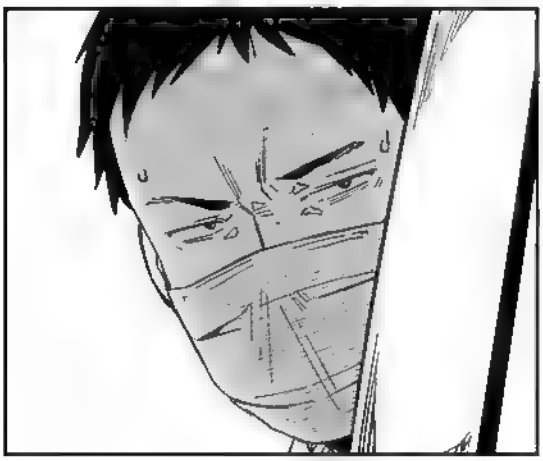

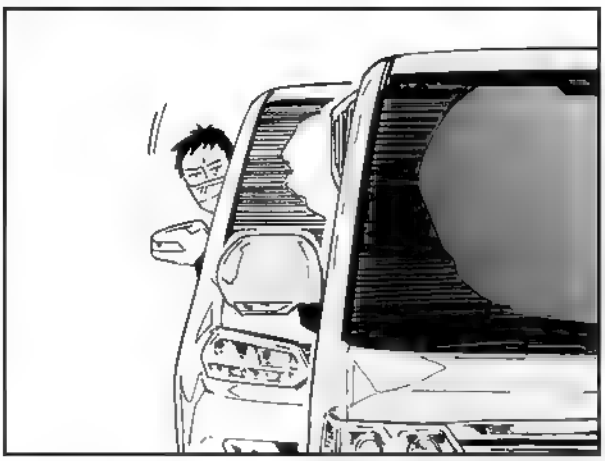

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CAR AND HEAD BACK HOME!

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A FULL LOCKDOWN UNDER EFFECT RIGHT NOW?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HEY!

POLICE

WHAT IS DAD DOING OVER THERE?

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

AH?

...!

WHAT'S THAT OLD MAN THINK-ING...?

DAMMIT...

I THINK I'LL GO HELP YOUR DAD TOO, WAIT HERE KIDS!

YOU STAY HERE AND PLAY WITH THIS

ONII-CHAN, YOU ARE GOING TOO?

CAN I GO TOO?

...

YOU CAN EVEN USE MY ITEMS, SO JUST STAY PUT HERE AND WAIT FOR US

GOT IT?

Wheeze

Wheeze

Wheeze

Cough

Cough.

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Rattle

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Rattle

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Rattle

LETTING YOU, CITY FOLKS FLOOD ANOTHER PLACE WILL ONLY HELP WORSEN THE SITUATION THERE TOO!

SO WHAT?! IT'S THE SAME SITUATION EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

SO YOU'RE TELLING US TO JUST BACK THERE AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR OUR DEATH?!

IF THE DISEASE DOESN'T KILL US, THEN STARVATION WILL!

THERE'S NO LONGER ENOUGH WATER AND FOOD IN TOKYO FOR ALL OF US!

COULD, YOU, AT LEAST...

LET THE KIDS THROUGH...

THAT'S ENOUGH DAD!

DEAR!

IF YOU GET ANY CLOSER I'LL-

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

STOP!

HEY!

All the Hospitals in Tokyo are full... and all of them refused to treat me

If I don't get treat-ment If I don't

Wheeze

Wheeze

Wheeze

I beg you

Please let me through

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HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
Ugh.
Ugh.
POLICE
HEY-!
HE-
THAT'S POLICE BRUTALITY!!
...
HEY, ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
....
Wobble Wobble
WHEEZE...
WHEEZE...
WHEEZE...

DON'T YOU DARE COME IN ANY CLOSER!

STAY BACK!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

POLICE

POLICE

IF YOU AREN'T GONNA PROTECT US DOES THAT MEAN WE ARE FREE TO PROTECT OURSELVES AS WE SEE FIT?!

IT'S THE POLICE'S JOB TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS INSTEAD OF ATTACKING THEM?!

Let you through...

We cannot

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

ARE YOU STUPID?!

POLICE

ドライブ

……

…?

…AL-RIGHT!

UHU, WHERE'S THE PARKING BRAKE...

HERE?!

…!

?!

WHO ARE YOU OJI-SAN?

...!

STOP FUCKING AROUND AND GET OUT THIS IN-STANT!!

HEY! OLD MAN!!

SHOUMA ...!!!

KYAA!

WHO'S DRIVING IT...?!

IS THAT OUR CAR...?!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

AH!

SHOUMA IS STILL...

SHOUMA ...

Haah

Haah

Haah

STOP!

PLEASE JUST STOP

wheeze

wheeze

AND LET ME GET OUT!

OJI-SAN, PLEASE STOP!

H-HEY!

Could he be infect-ed...?!

This man...

I JUST NEED TO GET A LITTLE FUR-THER AND THEN I'LL GET DOWN, SO JUST WA-...!

COUGH

wheeze

wheeze

wheeze

...IT'LL BE FINE!

EVERY THING WILL BE JUST FINE...!

COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

SOME-
THING
WRONG?

YOU'RE
BLEEDING-
YOU OK?

KID

ガオオオ

SIGN SAGARA BIKES

サガラサイクル

BUT THEN SOME MAN STOLE THEIR CAR...

LOOKS LIKE THIS FAMILY WAS TRYING TO LEAVE TOKYO

...BUT TOKYO IS IN A REAL BAD SHAPE NOW

HIS FAMILY MUST BE WORRIED SICK

WE SHOULD CONTACT THE POLICE AND TELL THEM...

IF WE CALL THE COPS...

WON'T HE... BE SENT BACK THERE...?

IF JUST IT WEREN'T BUSTED, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY...

APPARENTLY IT'S THAT BOY'S BIG BROTHER'S

AND THIS CELL-PHONE?

YOU'RE RIGHT!

OH, YES!

WITH THIS KIND OF PHONES, SHOULDN'T YOU JUST NEED TO EXTRACT THE CARD INSIDE AND PUT IN INSIDE ANOTHER ONE TO RECOVER ALL THE DATA?

A TINY CARD LIKE THIS SIZE

...LOOKS LIKE IT RECOG-NIZED IT

BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE THE PHONE CONTACT NUMBERS INSIDE...

AS EX-PECTED OF YOU

ALWAYS THE SMARTER ONE OF THE TWO

Incoming call

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?!

HELLO ...?

....

...Y-YEAH

DEAR!

JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO I PICKED SHOUMA-KUN OFF THE HIGHWAY

I...

MY NAME IS SAGARA

SIGN SAGARA BIKES

サガラサイクル

Shouma...

Is that you Shouma ...?!

Who is it?!

YOU MAN-AGED TO FIX MY PHONE?

EH?!

SHOUMA-KUN

YOUR DAD WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

Shouma ...?!

YES...

Are you alright?!

I need you to listen carefully to what I'm about to say

...Shouma

...I see...

But what matters is that you are alright

THAT GUY DIED

THE ONE WHO STOLE OUR CAR

And the thing is...

I just had a talk with Sagara-san

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUNG BOY THAT WAS INSIDE A STOLEN CAR

IS THAT HIM?

...HUH!

IS THAT SO? WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE KEEPING A KID HERE AT YOUR PLACE, IS THAT CORRECT?

NOT REALLY ...

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING LIKE THAT AROUND HERE...

THEY SEND HIM HERE WITH US BEFORE ALL THAT VIRUS THING WENT OUT OF HAND OVER THERE

ABOUT THAT...

BOTH OF THEM ARE IN TOKYO

PARDON THE IN-TRUSION

A-AH...

THAT'S MY GRAND-SON

HEY, KID

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

ARE HIS PARENTS HERE TOO?

YOUR GRAND-SON?

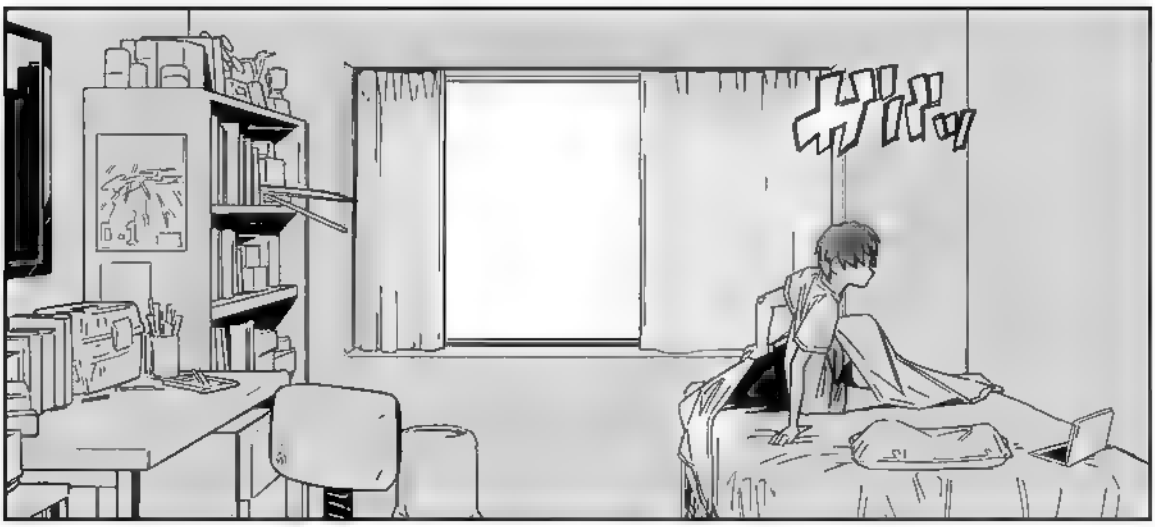
...SAGARA

...IT'S

SAGARA
MASATO

N E W N O R M A L

GOOD MOR-NING
IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP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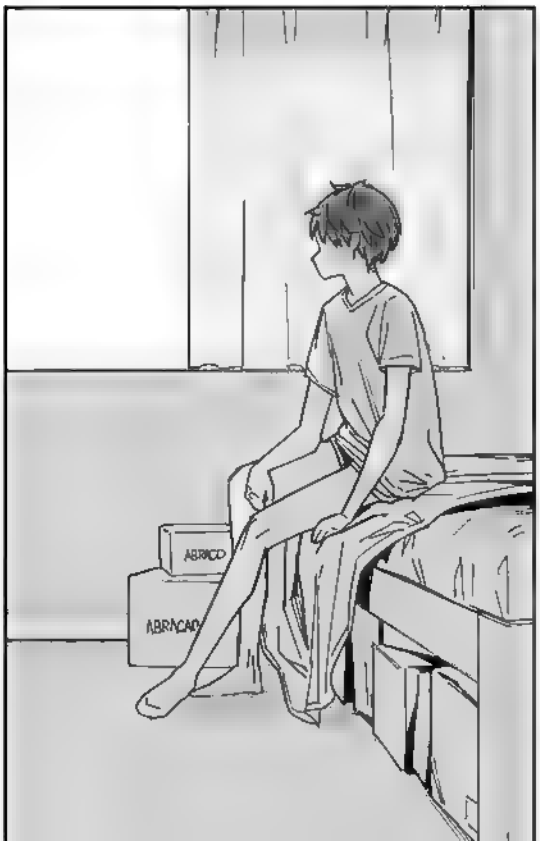
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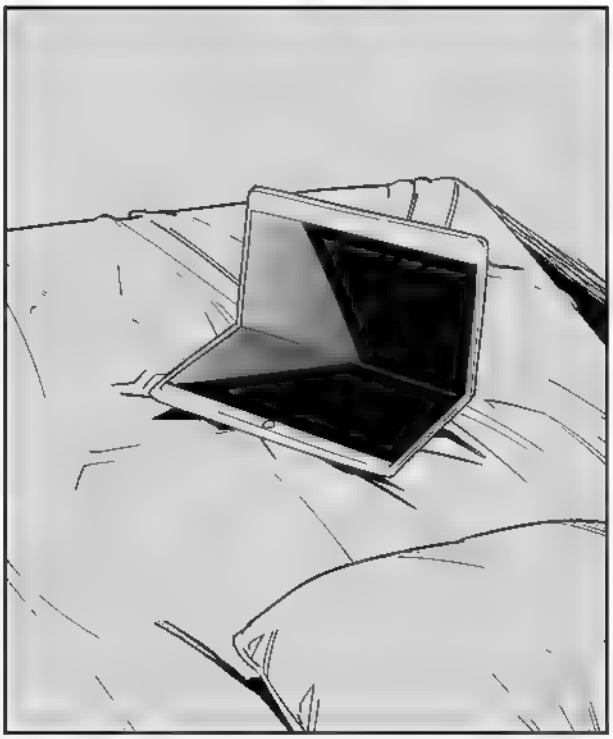

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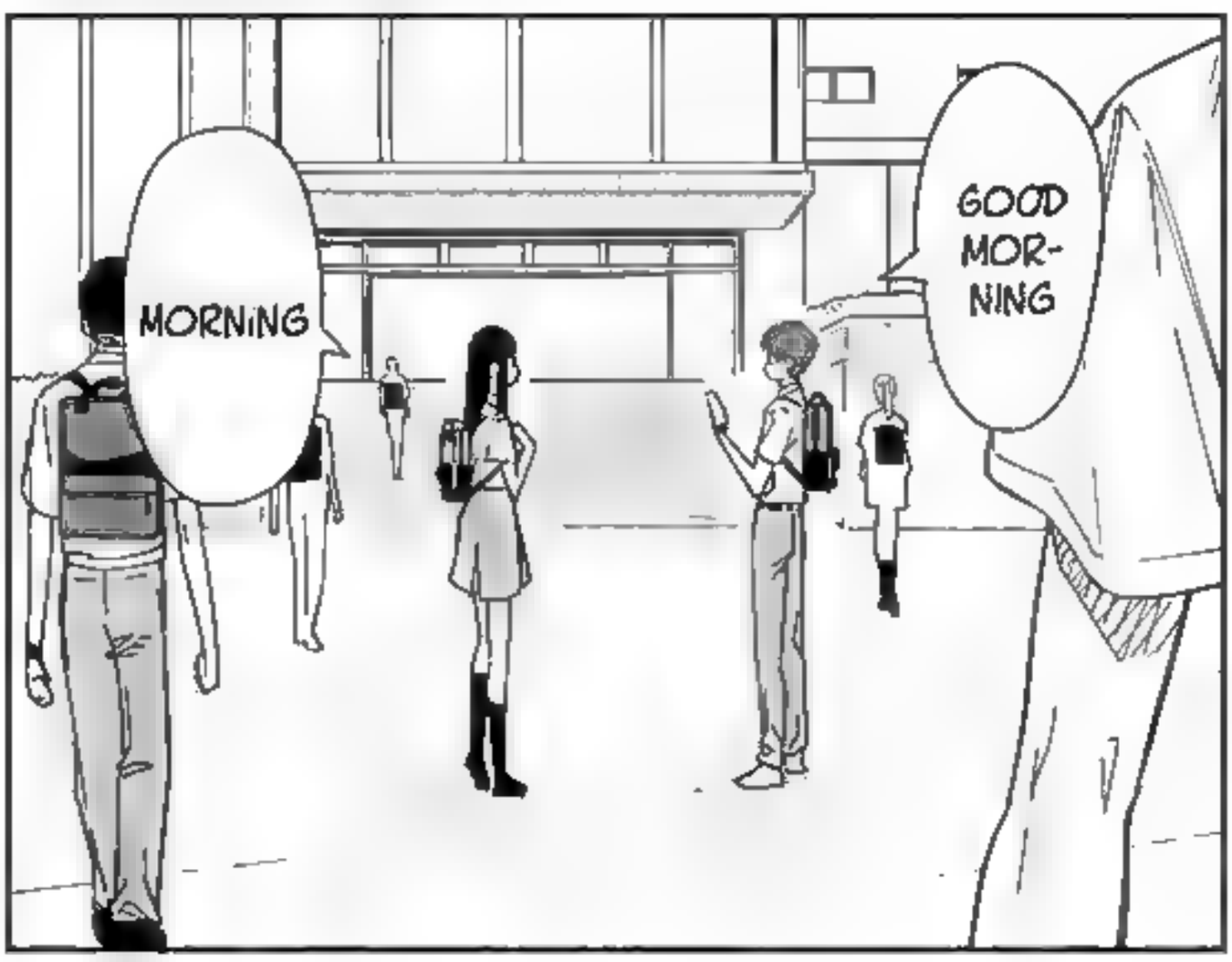
...YEAH
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER, HUH
...SOMEHOW,


MORNING
GOOD MORNING

I'M GLAD I DECIDED TO GO

SAME...

...YEAH

IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY

WHEN YOU VISITED ME AT THE HOSPITAL

AH, THAT'S RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID BACK THEN

THAT BAS-TARD

HE FINALLY SHOWS UP TO SCHOOL AFTER ALL THIS TIME AND HERE WE FIND HIM DOING THIS...

Ooooo!

IN ORDER TO BRING HIM BACK TO THE RIGHTEOUS PATH, IT FALLS TO NONE OTHER THAN US TO TEAR HIM APART FROM NATSUKI-SAN!

THE AUDACITY OF THAT BASTARD TO CAST AWAY HIS FRIENDS THE MOMENT HE GOT THE CHANCE TO SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH NATSUKI-SAN...!

FOR PEOPLE LIKE US, YOUTH SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT SPENDING OUR PATHETIC LIVES IN GLOOMY LONELINESS!

THAT JUST AIN'T RIGHT!

HATA SENPAI!

LONG TIME NO SEE~

I WAS SO WORRIED, YOU KNOW~?

Wait, wait

ARE YOU FEELING WELL ALREADY?

WAIT, WHA-

ERIKA-SAN?!

...EH?

...AH!

.....

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D GET A RIVAL, HUH

That guy is unexpectedly popular

OH BOY...

THAT SO~

GEEZ..!

I TOLD YOU WE AREN'T LIKE THAT

HATA-KUN...

SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE DOWN

IS HE STILL FEELING UNWELL?

...STILL, JUST WHAT HAS HE BEEN STARING AT ALL THIS TIME?

WE PROMISED TO TALK AGAIN ONCE HE RECOVERED,

BUT I GUESS IT'S STILL A LITTLE TOO SOON FOR THAT...

CONGRATU LATIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR ISOLATION PERIOD

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING WE GIVE TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY DISCHARGE

WHAT IS IT?

THEY'RE TICKETS THAT ALLOW THE HOLDER TO USE THE EXCLUSIVE POOL FACILITIES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EPIDEMIC PREVENTION AGENCY

A POOL?

EACH TICKET IS WORTH THREE USES OF THE FACILITIES IN WHICH YOU CAN ALSO BRING THREE PEOPLE WITH YOU SO IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING FAMILY OR FRIENDS WITH YOU

SWIMMING IS A GREAT WAY OF BUILDING BACK YOUR BODY STRENGTH LOST AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF ISOLATION

How nice♪

HOWEVER PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT YOU MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE

YANO

SAWABE

GOT A MINUTE?

SAY... HATA-KUN

HEY!

...A POOL?

ANYWAY, WANNA COME CHECK OUT THIS POOL WITH ME NEXT TIME?

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU GUYS...

HAS HIS HIGHNESS SUDDENLY HAVE BUSINESS WITH US COMMON PEOPLE?

KING OF NORMIES HATA-SAMA

DO YOU EVEN HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT KINDA PLACES POOLS ARE?

UHMM ...

YEAH

What else could it be.

SO ANYWAY, I GOT THESE TICKETS WORTH THREE PEOPLE AND WELL...

ISN'T A POOL THAT HOLE FILLED WITH WATER WHERE YOU CAN SWIM IN?

JUST LOOK AT THIS!

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ALL FOOLING AROUND WILLY-NILLY IN THE MIDDLE OF A FLOOD!

JUST LOOK AT ALL THESE CROWD OF PEOPLE HAPPILY SOAKING IN THE SAME WATER TOGETHER WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER STRANGERS!

So terrifying.

DON'T YOU GET IT? THE LEVEL OF UNSANITARI-NESS THAT WAS RAMPART DURING THOSE DARK AGES...

NAH DUDE, I'M NOT SO SURE IT WAS THAT BAD...

IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE LIKE THIS BACK THEN THAT A PANDEMIC WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER

THIS IS A POOL!

BUT ISN'T THAT A PRE-PANDEMIC VIDEO?!

WE MIGHT BE BEST BUDDIES, BUT WE AREN'T IN THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WHERE WE'D WANT TO SHARE THE SAME BATH WATER WITH YOU. THAT'S JUST GROSS

ANYWAY, POINT IS WE AREN'T GOING

.....

...WANNA GO TO THE POOL

I...

WILL HE INVITE ME LATER?

HATA-KUN

...HEY,

I SORT OF OVERHEARD WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS EARLIER AND...

I HAVE VR PRACTICE IN THE AFTERNOON

YOU DON'T HAVE CLUB TODAY?

HOW ABOUT ME?

IF YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE TO GO TO THE POOL WITH YOU

...OKAY

AHH...

HATA-SENPA-AAAAIII!

AH, BUT IF YOU ALREADY HAD SOME-ONE ELSE IN MIND, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME

UH? "OKAY"?!

SO, IS THAT A YES?!

...BUT

ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING OF JUST GOING BY MYSELF IN THE END

AH... NO

.....!

IF YOU WANT TO COME, NATSUKI-SAN...

Push

Push

WHAT WERE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

.....

ERIKA-SAN

Did you need something or what?

A POOL?!

THAT THING FILLED WITH WATER WHERE YOU CAN SWIM IN?!

?

WHAT'S THAT?

OH?!

TICKETS FOR THE POOL

I GOT THEM FROM THE HOSPITAL I WAS STAYING IN THE DAY MY ISOLATION PERIOD WAS OVER

.....

THE FACT THAT SENPAI WAS IN QUARANTINE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET...

BUT GOING BY THE TALK THAT THEY WERE JUST HAVING, DOES THAT MEAN HE TOLD HER ABOUT IT TOO?

WHAT?!

IN THAT CASE, THIS CUTE ERIKA WILL DO YOU THE FAVOR OF COMING WITH YOU!

DON'T TELL ME!

COULD IT BE THAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO GO WITH YOU~?

WHICH MEANS THAT HE STILL HASN'T ACTUALLY INVITED YOU, RIGHT?

BE-SIDES...

HATA-KUN WAS ALREADY IN THE MIDDLE OF INVITING ME WHEN YOU SO RUDELY INTER-RUPTED US!

HEY, STOP RIGHT THERE!

EH...

I WHAT...!

DIDN'T YOU DUMP HATA-SENPAI?

WHICH MEANS THAT I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD GET TO GO WITH HIM, DON'T YOU AGREE?

AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I PROMISED SENPAI TO GO ON A DATE WITH HIM ONCE HE RECOVERED

AND ACTUALLY, AFTER THAT, HATA-KUN WAS THE ONE WHO REJECTED ME...

BUT I DIDN'T REJECT HIM THOUGH... IT WAS JUST A MUTUAL MISUNDER-STANDING...

.....

...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THIS IS ALL BECAUSE I'M SO INDECISIVE...

BUT, HOPEFULLY, THIS TIME...

I CAN BE TOGE-THER WITH...

JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME WANNA PUKE

.....

HEY, IT'S THE KING OF NORMIES

THERE'S ENOUGH TICKETS FOR THREE PEOPLE

AND RIGHT NOW, HATA IS BEING APPROACHED BY TWO GIRLS

THE FUCK?

SAWABE, I THINK WE...

MIGHT HAVE MADE A GAME CHANGING CHOICE THAT CANNOT BE TAKEN BACK

WE MUST PREVENT THE KING OF NORMIES FROM CEMENTING THE FOUNDATION OF HIS DYNASTY!

THIS IS BAD!

ONE BOY

AND 2 GIRLS

THERE'RE THREE TICKETS...

BEFORE HE GOES BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN, WE MUST PULL HIM BACK INTO THE RIGHTEOUS PATH OF MEDIOCRITY!

BEFORE HE GETS CORRUPTED BY HIS OWN POWER...

.....

HATA-AAA!

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT TRUE FRIENDS ARE FOR!

AND WHAT DO WE GET IF WE PUT THESE ALL TOGETHER?

UH?

SO YEAH, WE'VE DECIDED THAT WE'RE GOING TO THE POOL AFTER ALL MATE

EH?

スゥ…

Nice~

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPERIENCING THE POOL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE♪

THANK YOU~

UPP

NATSUKI
-SAN!

UGH!

CREAK

AGH!

Natsuki-san ..♥

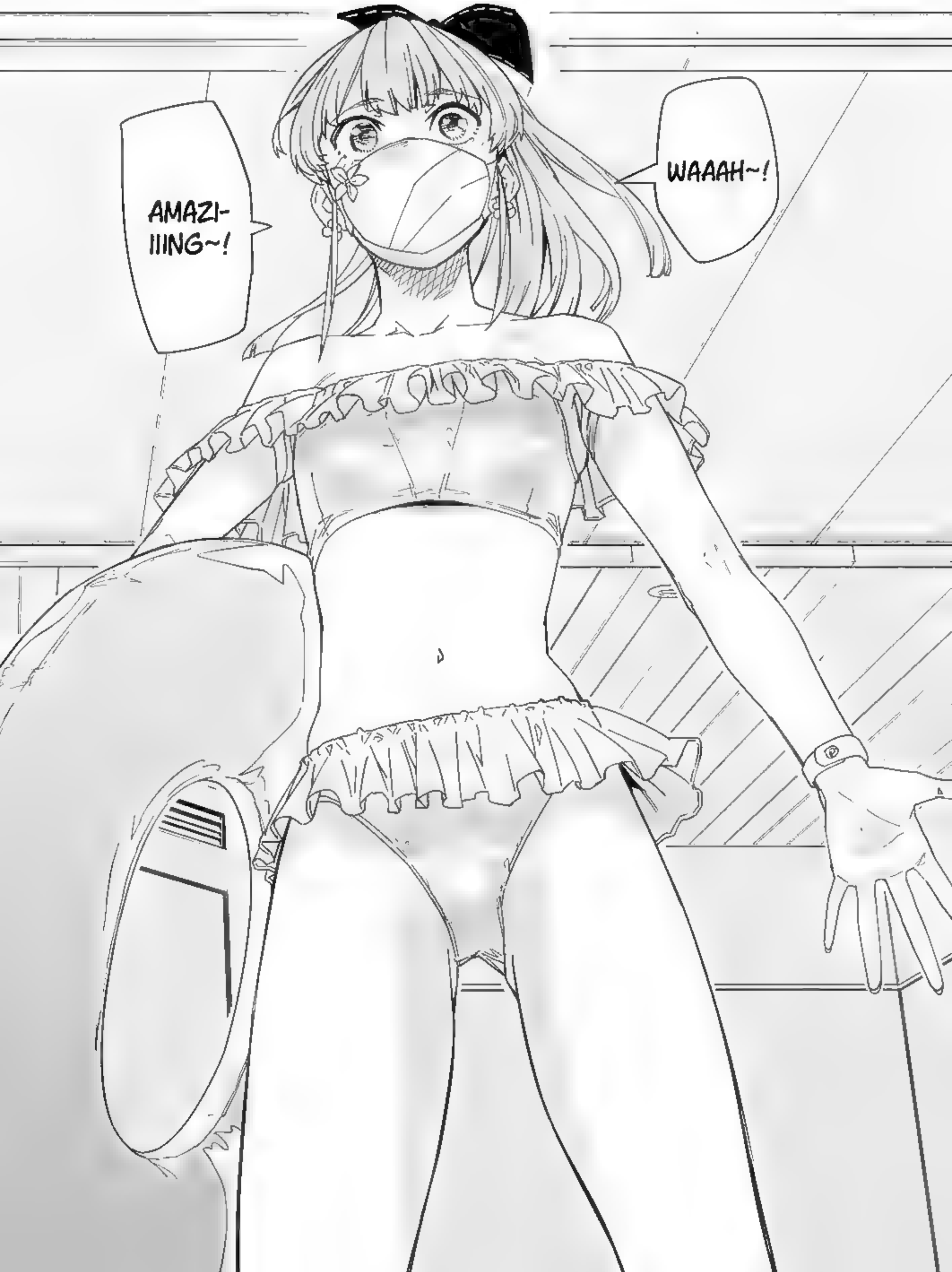
DON'T WORRY, HE'S FINE

He's just paying a quick visit to heaven

SAWABE-KUN IS...

UGH

ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT?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IIING~!
WAAAH~!

SO THIS IS A POOL...

NICE

IT LOOKS EVEN BETTER THAN WHAT I HAD IMAGINED!

SO, WE HAVE ALL OF THIS TO OUR-SELVES?!!

TO THINK THAT I'D REALLY END UP COMING TO THE POOL WITH THEM

WELL, NO USE FRETTING OVER IT NOW...

LET'S JUST FOCUS ON HAVING LOTS OF FUN TODAY

Isn't this showing too much skin?

THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TOGETHER WITH NATSUKI-SAN AND ERIKA-SAN IN THE POOL...

IF I HAD ACHIEVED THIS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE MADE ME JUMP FOR JOY, BUT NOW...

I GUESS I'M HAPPY REGARDLESS OF HOW WE GOT INTO THIS SITUATION...

...WELL

!!

I GUESS,

I REALLY AM THAT SIMPLE OF A GUY, AFTER ALL

NATSUKI-SAN

RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHY THE WINNER OF TODAY'S MATCH WILL BE DECIDED BY WHOEVER CAN MAKE SENPAI CHEER BACK UP.

A MATCH...

YEAH...

ALTHOUGH, HE DID SAY HE STILL WASN'T IN HIS BEST CONDITION...

SENPAI... HAS BEEN LOOKING DOWN EVER SINCE HE GOT DISCHARGED

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...HOW-EVER

I CAN'T DENY THAT I'M PARTLY TO BLAME FOR IT...

PLUS, TO BEGIN WITH, THE FACT THAT YOU INJURED YOUR LEG...

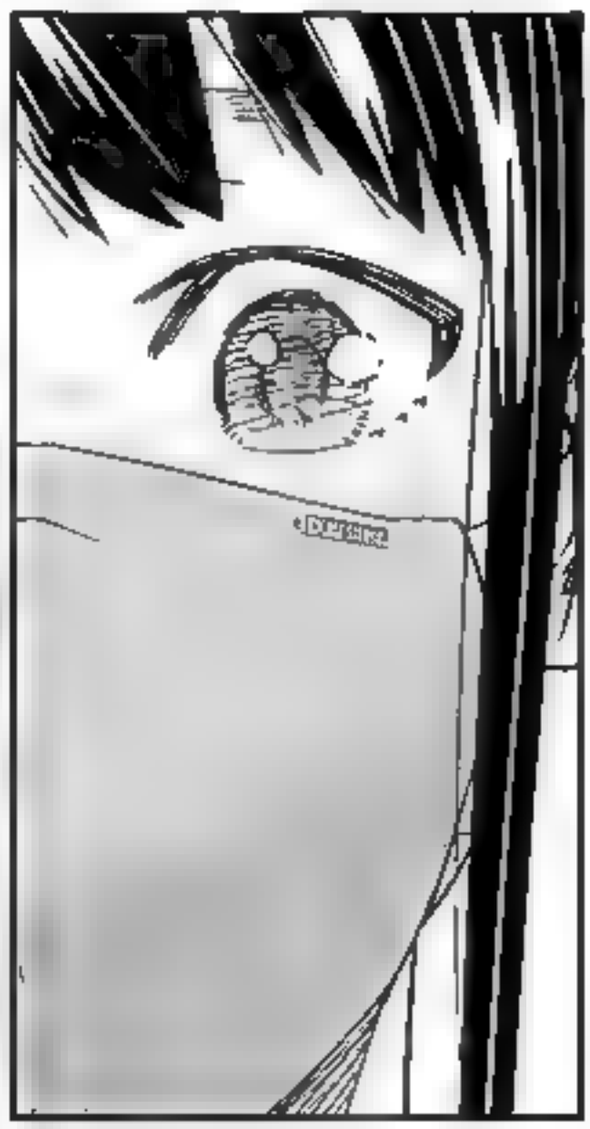
BECAUSE DES-PITE BEING INJURED, YOU STILL PUT YOURSELF AT RISK IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM

LET'S GET THINGS STRAIGHT, THE REASON WHY I ACCEPTED TO SHARE THE TICKETS WITH YOU IS SIMPLE

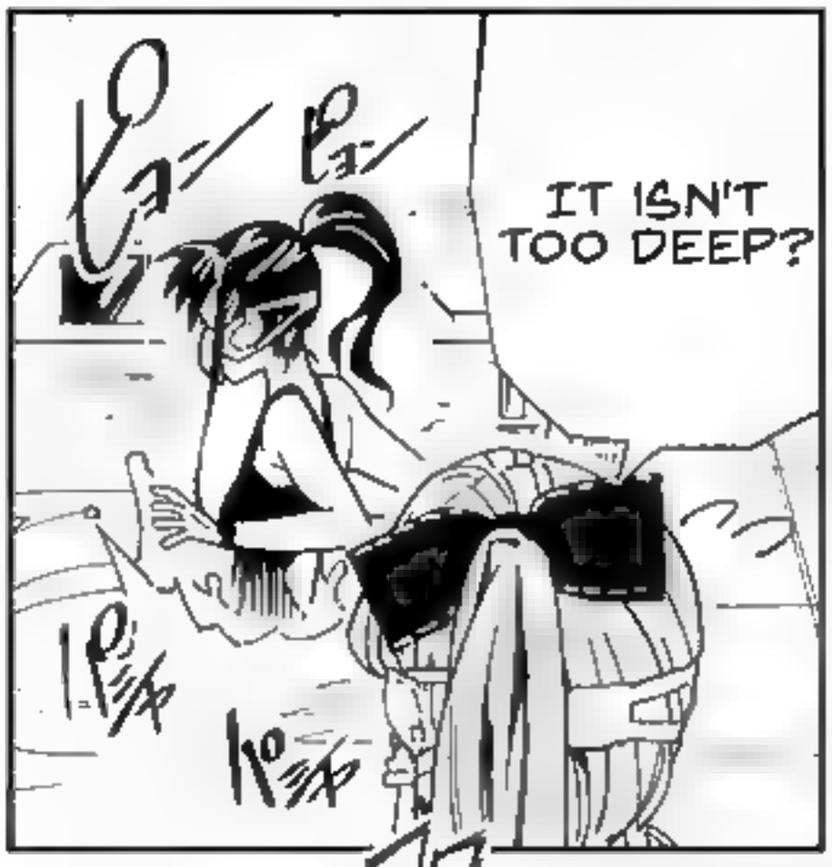
...GOT IT

I'M NOT THAT NICE ENOUGH OF A PERSON TO GIVE MY RIVAL ANY MORE OF A HANDICAP THAN THIS, GOT IT?

LET'S!
Y-YEAH!
ANYWAY, LET'S GET IN



...WOAH


IT ISN'T TOO DEEP?

MY BODY...
FEELS SO LIGHT...

YOU DID REMEMBER TO SHOWER BEFORE GETTING IN THE POOL, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU BETTER NOT BE GETTING ANY GERMS IN THERE

NATSUKI-SAN?!

"RWAAAH

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THAT SMELL IS CHLORINE

POOL WATER HAS STRICT INFECTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS, SO IT GETS THOROUGHLY STERILIZED

HAH?!

OF COURSE I DID!

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KINDA GIVING OFF A STRANGE SMELL?

YOU SURE THIS WATER WAS PROP-ERLY DISIN-FECTED?

Don't worry, it's safe I think

Chlorine?! Isn't that Bad for the skin?

HURRY UP AND GET IN!

HATA-KUN!

COM-ING!

AH!

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UH...

WELL, IT'S A BIT EMBARRA SSING...

AREN'T YOU GOING TO TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT?

JUST SO YOU KNOW, THIS IS WAY MORE EMBAR-RASSING FOR US THAN IT IS FOR YOU!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER WORN THESE SORT OF OUTFITS IN FRONT OF OTHERS AFTER ALL...

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NICE

IF I KNEW, I WOULD'VE WORKED OUT MORE REGULARLY...

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT THERE WOULD COME A DAY WHEN I'D STRIP IN FRONT OF A GIRL

IF I HAD MORE CONFIDENCE IN MY BODY, WOULD IT BE A LOT EASIER TO WALK AROUND LIKE THIS?

IT'S GOT A DIFFERENT FEELING OF EMBARRASS-MENT FROM HAVING YOUR MOUTH SEEN...

I wonder if the water is cold?

PEOPLE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE BOLD IF THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THIS SORT OF THING SO NONCHALANTLY...

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, NATSUKI-SAN. WHY IS YOUR FACE BRIGHT RED?

YOU'RE GOING TO DRILL A HOLE RIGHT THROUGH HIM IF YOU KEEP STARING AT HIM LIKE THAT, ERIKA-SAN

IT'S ALRIGHT

THE WATER FEELS NICE

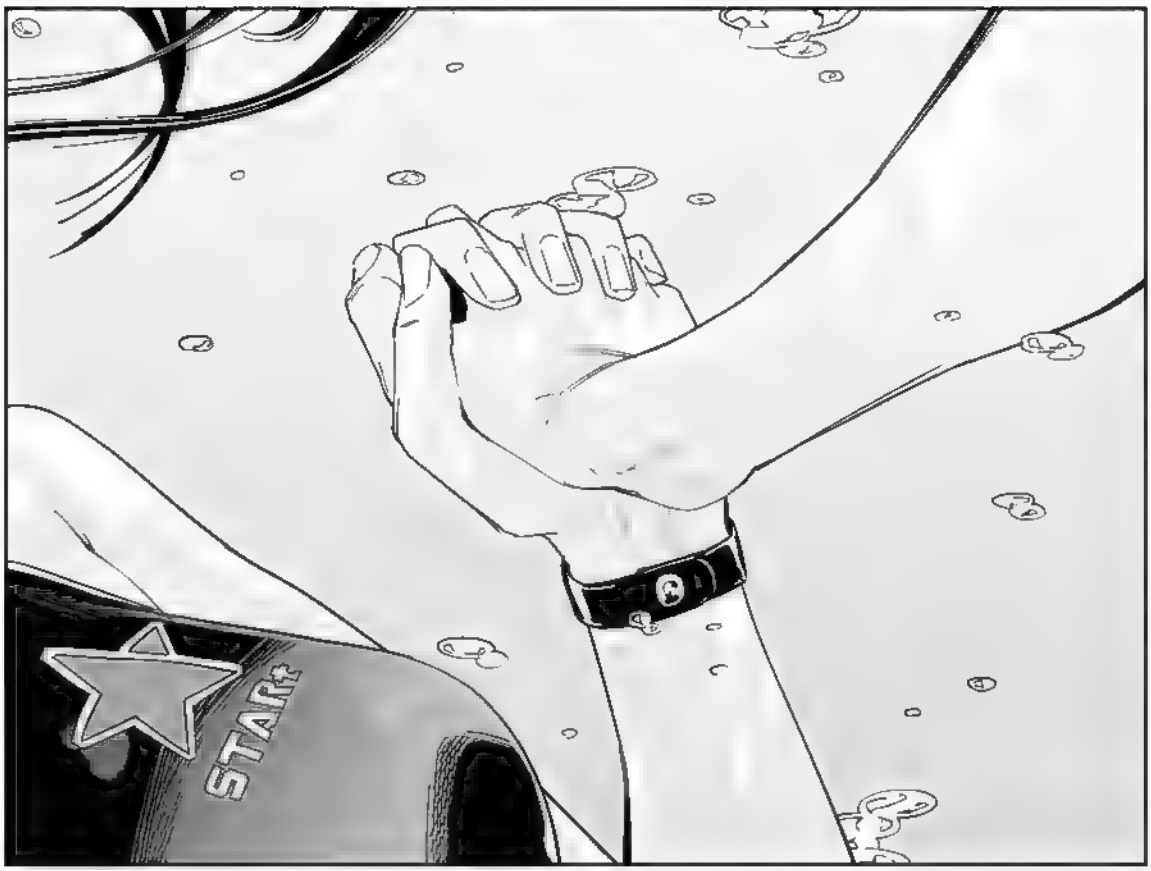
COME ON

WAH

MITSUKI-SAN'S...

...HAND

AH!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ARE YOU HURT SENPAI?!

PUWAA

BWAAAH

I just drank a bit of pool water

...I'M FINE

JUST WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED DURING THE MOMENT THEY WERE UNDER-WATER?

WHAT'S WITH THAT MOOD BETWEEN THEM?

...IT SURE DID

THAT REALLY SURPRISED ME...

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NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T KNOW EITHER

SO, HOW DO YOU DO THIS SWIMMING THING?

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YEAH, LET'S

UHM WELL... HOW ABOUT WE TRY SWIMMING FOR A BIT?

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DON'T LOOK AT ME

THIS IS ALSO MY FIRST TIME!

EH?!

WHAT'S THAT PANEL OVER THERE FOR?

BY THE WAY

HOW TO MOVE YOUR LEGS

1.

SWIMMING METHOD - LESSON 1

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WAH!

AMAA-AZING~

OH! SO, IT TEACHES YOU HOW TO SWIM!

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...FOR THIS PART, YOU WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO HOW YOUR KNEES AREN'T BENDING MUCH AND TO DO YOUR BEST TO KEEP YOUR BODY HORIZONTAL WITH THE WATER

HATA-KUN'S PRETTY FAST

WOAH~

I THINK I'M ABOUT TO HIT MY LIMIT

Y-YEAH

THIS IS QUITE TIRING, ISN'T IT?

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Natsuki-san can swim already

Woah~ Amaz-ing~

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Oooh! More water started flow-ing from there!

It says it has a stream mode too

I'M GONNA FLIP OVER!

AAAH!

S-STOP, DON'T DO TH--

WAI--

BWAAH

AHAHAHAHAHA

WE WERE BOTH WORRIED ABOUT YOU

I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY LOOKING A BIT LIVELIER NOW, HATA-KUN

YOU WERE?

WE HAVE TO TAKE A SHOWER BEFORE LEAVING TOO, RIGHT?

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GO, HUH

OKAY

WELL THEN, I'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE MY SHOWER FIRST

WE WERE WONDERING IF SOMETHING HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE IN QUARANTINE

BUT SEEING YOU HAVING FUN TODAY HAS PUT MY MIND AT EASE

I REALLY HATE SEEING PEOPLE CRY...

CRYING ...

PLEASE, DON'T CRY...

...I THOUGHT THAT IF I LET LOOSE A BIT AND HAD LOTS OF FUN

I'D BE ABLE TO STOP THINKING ABOUT IT...

I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT IT...

BUT... I CAN'T...

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THE "WHAT IFS"...

...WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT IF THEY GOT DIS-CHARGED...

PERHAPS THEY'LL COME TO THE POOL TOO AND THEN MAYBE...

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NEW NORMAL

To be continued

手のひらに、非日常を！

SNSで驚異的
大反響!!!

アフターコロナの日常を描いた
話題作、ついに連載化!

ニューノーマル

相原瑛人

上司は不倫に含まれますか？

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上司の圧が強すぎて恋ができない

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